

Y. M. C. A. - 1926 I.

## C. H. Tobias And Max Yergen Talk At World Conference

### Eighteen Race Delegates to Y. M. C. A. Con- clave Accorded Every Honor.

(Special to The Pittsburgh Courier)

HELSINGFORS, Finland, Aug. 26.—Minus the slightest atmosphere of racial discrimination, the colored delegation met the main body of the World's Conference of the Y. M. C. A. here last week and discussed the needs of the Negro youth before a mixed gathering of 500 delegates, representing 46 nations.

C. H. Tobias, head of the Y. M. C. A. work in this country addressed the Conference as a representative of the Negro youth, speaking on the the topic "Christ and the Negro Youth."

His speech was presented to delegates in English, French and German. Mr. Tobias also led the discussion group, of which the brother of the King of Sweden was a faithful member.

Max Yergen of South Africa, R. W. Bullock, national colored boys' secretary of the U. S. A., and Prof. W. S. Nelson of Howard University were discussion leaders. Max Yergen led the devotions for an entire conference.

The colored delegates were accorded the greatest recognition ever given Negroes by a World Conference. Colored delegates numbered eighteen.

## Y. M. C. A. CAMP CLOSES FINAL 1926 SESSION

### Last Group Of St. Louisans Bid Adieu To The Picturesque River Cliff In The Ozark Foothills

CAMP RIVER CLIFF, Mo., Sept. 8.—Thirty St. Louis boys, a minister, two doctors, three leaders of boys and several wives of the officials were present at the session of the Y. M. C. A. camp which closed here Sunday. One splendid example of the camp's spirit was the happy return

of Dr. E. O. Massey and his son after suffering a serious accident in an effort to answer a call home in spite of a rain storm. As soon as they finished their initiated mission they returned to camp prepared to finish out the great time they had begun.

### Great Program

The fresh air camp cabins were loaded as follows: Cabin 1, Milton Purnell and transient visitors; Cabin 2, Joseph Thomas, Captain Theodore Brime, 1st Lieutenant John Pope, 2nd Lieutenant Jodah Bailey Melvin Hamilton, Stanley Smith, Standmore Jones, John White and Malcolm Lee. Cabin 3, Louis White, Captain, Robert Thomas, 1st Lieutenant Thurman Warner, 2nd Lieutenant Wm. Collins, Willie J. King, Melvin Crowder, Sanford Robinson, III and Wm. Lemmons. Cabin No. 4, Lester Pierson, Captain Sol James, 1st Lieutenant Raymond Adams, James Buford, John Simmons, Lester Berry, Rudolph White, Roland Wheeler and Marion Brown. Cabin 5 Leon W. Steward, Camp Director, Wilbur C. Woodson, Physical Director, Theodore Woodson, Dr. E. O. Massey and Edward Massey, Jr. Cabin 9 Rev. D. R. Clark, Camp Chaplain, Dr. J. Jerome Peters, Chairman of Camp Committee, Dr. Leroy S. Dabbs, Session Physician and instructor of health classes, and J. L. Procope, Assistant Camp Director in charge of equipment and meals. Thus it can be seen that we have a camp full of real fellows. Among the folks in "Guest House" are Mr. and Mrs. R. K. Smith (Mr. Smith is in charge) Mr. and Mrs. H. K. Craft and daughters and Mrs. W. C. Woodson and her little daughter Geraldine.

### Great Swimming

The swimming program under Mr. Woodson, director, was a real feature of the session. The non-swimmers (marked with yellow ribbons suspending a small fishing

sinker around their necks and known as sinkers until they pass the swimming test) as well as the swimmers had special instruction every morning and a swimming period every afternoon. Among the "sinkers" were: Raymond Adams, Louis White, Marion Brown, Willie Joe King, John Simmons, Rudolph White, Thurman Warner and Standmore. New strokes, fancy diving and life saving were features on the swimmers instruction program. A Water Carnival came Friday and Field Day Saturday.

### Special Stunts

As this story was being written, news comes that Captain Pierson had led Cabin 4 to victory in the session TREASURE HUNT. Inter Cabin Stunt Night was scheduled for Wednesday. Adult Stunt Night was on program for Thursday night Camp Fire. Inter Cabin sing-song contest came Friday night. The Closing Banquet was held Saturday night and the "Decision Meeting" will be held on the crest of the cliffs at "Inspiration Point" when day breaks Sunday morning.

The religious program was carried out as planned and was one of the most enjoyable and appreciated features of the camp program. Rev. D. R. Clark and the Camp Director were in charge with the Cabin Captains leading the devotions each morning in the cabins. Besides Cabin devotions, Chapel was held each morning and each night's program closed with a "good night" message by the chaplain.

### Athletics

The evening boating was great, while the Camp Base Ball League ran at top speed. The teams are as follows: Corn Huskers, J. Pope, Captain, R. Thomas, M. Crowder, J. Buford, M. Hamilton, J. White, J. Berry, R. Wheeler and I. Pierson. Pearl Divers: T. Brime, Capt. S. Smith, W. Collins, W. Moore J. Thomas, M. Brown, W. King, M. Lee and S. Robinson. Spud Stars: M. Purnell, Capt. R. White, S. Jones, J. Simmons, S. James, L. White, W. Lemmons, T. Warner, J. Bailey and R. Adams. They stand as follows:

	W	L	Pct
Corn Huskers	3	2	.600
Pearl Divers	4	3	.572
Spud Stars	2	4	.334

The Spud Stars beat the Corn Huskers 4 to 2 which puts the Pearl Divers ahead.

Parents and friends met one of the healthiest and happiest bunch of boys in the world when the Frisco arrived at Union Station Sunday at eight p. m.

### Stunt Nite

The Stunt night contest was won by Cabin 2. They featured music acrobatics and a mimic of the camp officials' dining table. Cabin 3 was second with a fashion show, music and comedy.

**TIMES**  
LOS ANGELES, CALIF.

NOV 14 1926

## Dedication of Negro Branch 'Y' for Today

Recently completed at a cost of \$200,000, the new Young Men's Christian Association branch building for negro youths at Twenty-eighth street and Paloma avenue will be dedicated this afternoon. Its completion is seen as a means of increasing materially the service the local organization is rendering the masculine negro population of Los Angeles.

The dedication address will be delivered by Dr. E. W. Moore, pastor of the Third Baptist Church of San Francisco, traveler and lecturer as well as preacher. Musical numbers will be presented by the Y.M.C.A. orchestra and a negro male quartet. The new structure is four stories high. Its exterior is faced with ornamental white stone on the lower stories—surfaced concrete having been used above. Practically all the features of the modern club building are incorporated therein.

## CINCINNATI, OHIO

NOV 23 1926

### Building Committee Will Be Named at Once.

## LEADERS GRATEFUL

### Last-Minute Efforts Responsible for Success.

When the members of the board of the Y. W. C. A. met at the home Tuesday they received the official notice that the campaign had resulted in \$710,883 being pledged for the erection of a new home in Cincinnati.

Reports at the victory dinner-meeting, Monday night, showed that the drive had been oversubscribed by more than \$10,000. Of this amount a part will go for the erection of a modern home for girls at Ninth and Walnut streets, financial assistance will be given to the Ninth street branch, utilized by negro girls, and help will

also be given to the Norwood branch of the Y. W. C. A.

According to an announcement of members of the Y. W. C. A. Board, a Building Committee to care for the details which must be arranged before work on the new structure can be started will be named soon. It is said that this committee will be composed of women who have been active in the work in Cincinnati and the group of men who have aided in the recent drive will also have representation on this committee.

The funds needed for these improvements will be made up of the amount raised in the campaign, a bequest of \$240,000 received from the late Clifford Dolph, St. Louis druggist, a former Cincinnati, and money which will be received for the sale of the present Eighth street headquarters. Officers of the board estimate that the cost of the plans which are contemplated will be \$1,322,500.

The efforts of the members of the various teams, especially those composed of women, was credited by the leaders of the drive for the success of the campaign.

A feeling of failure was evident at the headquarters Monday afternoon, but, as the time for the victory dinner approached and partial reports from the various teams were received, the leaders revised their opinions.

When the Committee on Special Gifts reported having raised \$34,375 during the last two days of the campaign, those who were at the final dinner showed their enthusiasm by prolonged applause, but this was as nothing compared to the demonstration which greeted the announcement that the various teams had raised the sum of \$107,533 during the final hours.

The energy and ability of the teams in the Girls' Division, headed by Mrs. John H. Skavlan, were praised by a number of the speakers. During the campaign this division raised a total of \$29,816.37, which is said to be the largest amount ever raised in a Y. W. C. A. drive by girls who make their home at the institution.

In working out the details of the campaign the quota of the Girls' Division was fixed at \$10,000, and they exceeded this by more than \$15,000.

In the reply to A. E. Anderson, who turned over to Mrs. Helen Peters Wallace, president of the Y. W. C. A., the cash and pledges received during the campaign, she said:

"We are profoundly moved by this offering of trust by the good people of Cincinnati. We are very humble and desirous of proving we are worthy of this trust. We speak for the girls who are so grateful to you and those who are benefactors. In planning and erecting this new building we will take the community into our hearts and confidence."

Fred A. Geier, A. E. Anderson and George Crabbs, who served as general chairmen during the drive and who



have devoted themselves almost exclusively to this work for the past thirty days, paid a high compliment to the women who made up the various teams. They all praised the 250 men who gave their time during the week of the campaign.

The report of the teams at the final meeting follows:

Women—A. Mrs. R. A. Holden, Jr., \$5,514; B. Mrs. John W. Atkins, \$5,991; C. Miss Agnes Anderson, \$7,547; D. Mrs. Charles J. Iredell, \$9,200; E. Mrs. August Marx, \$6,719.50; F. Mrs. Frank Simpson, \$6,000; G. Mrs. M. L. Kirkpatrick, \$9,903; H. Mrs. Eugene Swigart, \$2,857.50; I. Miss Johanna Hilton, \$3,316; J. Mrs. Charles C. Benedict, \$8,915.60.

Colored—K. Mrs. Estelle Davis, \$6,111.

Men—L. Mr. J. B. Miller, \$7,656.50; M. Mr. John Clippinger, \$5,000; N. Mr. Joseph Viner, \$3,382; O. Mr. H. S. Shafer, \$2,515; P. Mr. Robert Burch, \$4,265.

Girls—Q. Mrs. John H. Skavlem, \$12,613.72.

## \$100,000 FOR NEGRO Y. M. C. A.

Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Mathews Endow Association in Buffalo.

The first large trust fund ever established in the negro community's Christian Association has just been made possible in Buffalo through the gift of \$100,000 by Mr. and Mrs. George B. Mathews of that city, according to a report received today by the Y. M. C. A. National Council here. The income, of about \$6,000 annually, is to be used in work among the negro population.

The gift was made on condition that the association enlarge its building plans in anticipation of a 100 per cent increase in the negro population of Buffalo. A year ago Mr. Mathews gave \$25,000 additional to the building fund.

Mr. Mathews is President of the Niagara Milling Company.

## DR. JESSE MOORLAND (AN APPRECIATION)

By N. B. Dodson  
Brooklyn, N. Y.—Knowledge begets power, men count and efficiency is the basis of education and training with the negro. These essentials to success are necessary in every walk of life.

Dr. Jesse Edward Moorland, retired senior secretary of the International Committee of the Young Men's Christian Association of North America is a graduate and trustee of Howard University, Washington, D. C., and Chairman of the Committee of Management of the Carlton Avenue Branch, Y. M. C. A., Brooklyn, in which city he has his residence.

The four-story or five new modern Y. M. C. A. building for colored men and boys erected in as many cities and towns throughout the country are largely due to the unlimited influence and splendid

leadership of Dr. Moorland. It was he who first interested Mr. Julius Rosenwald of Chicago, in our cause when the need of new buildings and equipment for our men and boys became so urgent that the existence of the work among us was threatened.

It was at a luncheon in Chicago some fifteen years ago that Dr. Moorland presented the matter of suitable buildings for our Y. M. C. A. work to Rosenwald, who after listening to Dr. Moorland's plea gave \$25,000 toward the erection of the first modern Y. M. C. A. building for colored men and subsequently agreed to give \$25,000 to each building needed upon Dr. Moorland's representation or upon the representation of the General Association.

For thirty years Dr. Moorland has been engaged in Y. M. C. A. educational and religious movements among our people. He has given counsel, material assistance and inspiration to scores of young men, many of whom have made fine records as leaders in various good movements. His gift of a library to Howard University, known as "Moorland Foundation," is one of that institution's most valued treasures. It contains many rare volumes, some not even to be found in the Congressional Library. Dr. Moorland is a representative of the Real Estate Firm of Pierrepont Davenport in Brooklyn, and in the words of Mordecai to Esther when urging her to appeal to King Ahasuerus that the Jews be not slain, we repeat, "Who knoweth whether thou art come to the Kingdom for such a time as this?"

# Students of Many Nations and Races Gather at Nyborg, Denmark

## "Purpose Is to Band Together in Christian Unity All Nations and Races," Says John R. Mott

The General Committee Meeting of the World's Student Christian Federation is now in session at Nyborg Strand, Denmark. The session will continue through Aug. 25. The last meeting of this nature was held at High Leigh, England, in 1924. Delegates are present representing thirty-six nations and races.

Among the African delegation is Max Yergan, association secretary for native students of South Africa. John Dillingham, Shaw University and the Yale School of Religion, is one of the ten American delegates participating in the meeting.

Mr. Dillingham as the representative of Colored American students, men and women, is also the representative of the National Student Councils of the United States. Dr. John R. Mott, president of the World's Y. M. C. A. Alliance and one of the founders of the Federation, said, in a preliminary wording: "There are many signs that the Federation is gathering strength for a resolute move forward."

The Federation, whose purpose it is to bind together in Christian unity all nations and races, was begun at Vadstena, Sweden, in 1895. The first representative of Negro students was the late W. A. Hutton at Tokyo meeting. At the High Leigh meeting the representative was Miss Juliette Derricotte of the Women's National Student Councils.

# "Natives of South Africa Advancing Socially and Intellectually"

## Max Yergan, Y. M. C. A. Worker, Returns After Five-Year Stay — Has Organized Thirty Associations

Out of an environment that is still largely uncivilized, the natives of South Africa, backed by a growing sentiment on the part of the white residents, are steadily advancing socially and intellectually, according to the picture of the situation just brought back from Cape Province by Max Yergan, graduate of Shaw University, Raleigh, N. C., and the originator and leader of the work of the Young Men's Christian Association among the natives in South Africa.

Mr. Yergan, who returned on Thursday October 9, with his wife and three children, after five years of uninterrupted work, has built up brilliant hopes for the future, based partly on the support given by Negroes in the United States and partly on what he calls the "growing sentiment among a certain portion of the white population in South Africa in favor of justice for the natives." He will remain in this country until next summer, visiting numerous cities and explaining the magnitude of the work in which he has been engaged. His return will be for another period of five years.

Last week he was the honor guest at a dinner at the International House, New York, an event which has since been called the most outstanding interracial gathering ever brought together here. Of the 173 persons attending, the company was divided almost equally between white and colored persons of prom-

inence in professional, business, educational and religious life. Letters of greeting were received from John D. Rockefeller, Jr., and others.

The speakers and guests included: Bishop W. Sampson Brooks, A. M. E. Bishop to Liberia; E. C. Carter of The Inquiry; Dr. J. L. Peacock, president of Shaw University, Mr. Yergan's alma mater; Bishop Robert E. Jones of New Orleans, one of the two colored bishops of the Methodist Episcopal Church; Dr. Richard C. Morse, former general secretary of the Y. M. C. A. International Committee; Dr. John Hope, president of Morehouse College and the only colored member of the Y. M. C. A. World's Committee at Geneva, Switzerland; Professor Mabel Carney of Teachers College, Columbia University, and Colonel William Jav Schieffelin, president of the Citizens Union, New York.

At that dinner Mr. Yergan out-



lined his work and his hopes for the future.

"The mind of the Europeans," he said, "is slowly awakening to the magnitude of the African situation. Wealth is pouring into that vast territory and the world is turning here for the products which Africa yields. This has created a startling economic and social problem."

"By force of circumstances, the natives in these areas living in a civilization which is basically European. Their heritage being different from that of the Europeans, they are face to face with the necessity of measuring up to the standards which surround them."

"Of the 7,000,000 people in South Africa, 5,500,000 are colored, and less than 1,000,000 of these have become Christianized. Yet those who have had opportunities of advancement, intellectually and socially, have proved themselves well able to fulfill the obligation which it imposes. And more and more they are looking for aid and guidance from the Negroes of America, who unquestionably occupy the highest place of any colored people in the world."

"The people among whom I work are desirous of having a share in politics, but I give as my considered view that they hold no revolutionary ideas. They are somewhat discouraged by the land situation and by the Color Bar Bill, which seeks to keep natives out of certain skilled occupations. They also are protesting certain proposals for removing some of their franchise privileges in the Cape Province. But they do not seek to overturn the existing government."

"The situation is being considered with notable moderation by the native leaders, who seem willing to co-operate in every way with the Government. It is my belief that in time this spirit of co-operation will meet with a definite response."

"The Young Men's Christian Association has been responsible for bringing the claim of the natives before the white inhabitants. Out of that has come an increasing inclination to give the situation the study it deserves. One of the brightest lights on the horizon is the system of joint councils, comprising both white and colored people, seeking better interracial relations."

"Our Y. M. C. A. work has been principally among students, who will be the leaders of the next generation. Where formerly we met suspicion and opposition, the doors are now open to us everywhere. More and more the whites are taking up a serious study of the interracial problem which confronts them. I have been asked repeated-

ly to speak before audiences in every white college in South Africa and in many public meetings.

"We can't turn back. The Africans have faith in the American Negro and the Europeans are beginning to realize that we have a real contribution to make."

Through Mr. Yergan's influence, thirty Y. M. C. As. and one teachers' association have been set up, with a total membership of 4,000. Practically all of the outside support of his work has come from the colored people in this country.

Mr. Yergan's plans include the erection of a Y. M. C. A. building, at a cost of \$40,000, and the assignment of other Americans to the work. For the past five years he has been carrying it on alone, with the help of native secretaries.

## TO ORGANIZE STATE ASSOCIATION OF BUSINESS

(The Afro-American Signboard, Winston-Salem).

A State Branch of the National Negro Business League will be organized by the various Leagues in the State at a special meeting which will be held in Winston-Salem, N. C., on July 30, according to R. McCants Andrews, well known Durham leader, who has just returned from an extensive trip to fifteen large cities of the State where he has organized Negro Business Leagues which in a few days will represent a total membership of several thousand.

Leagues were organized by the Durham man, who is secretary of the local league. The local representative was assisted in Western North Carolina by Professor H. S. Reynolds, principal of one of the largest colored high schools in the State, which is located at Winston-Salem. Leagues were organized in the following towns, and together with the Durham League will make a total of 16 in the State: Raleigh, Rocky Mount, Winston-Salem, Goldsboro, Kinston, New Bern, Wilmington, Wilson, Fayetteville, Statesville, Asheville, Charlotte, Salisbury, and High Point.

Representatives from these

various leagues will be present at the meeting to be held in Winston when the State association will be formed. A State league will also probably be formed.

The Durham Negro Business League may be termed the father of the other Negro Business Leagues in North Carolina as this league was instrumental in the organization of the other Leagues.

The Durham League was organized sometime ago as an experiment station of the National League and every effort has been put forth to establish a model league, which the other leagues will pattern after.

The League organization is composed of a set of officers, who are young men chosen because of their energy. There is also an executive board composed of the officers and all chairmen of the various committees. The committees cover every phase of the business and civic life and each committee is headed by an experienced man, who is usually middle-aged. There is also an advisory board composed of all leaders of colored organizations of the city who are members of this board by virtue of their offices in the various fraternities, civic clubs and other organizations.

The Durham League was organized with a membership of about 100 and the first of this year inaugurated a membership drive which netted 1,100 new members, according to one of the officials. The plan of organization of this drive was worked out in perfect details and was most successful.

A number of important things have been accomplished by the League since its organization among which are the following:

Collected and disbursed \$1,248.00 on the expense incurred in securing to Durham the N. C. College for Negroes; appropriated a room for nutrition work in the public schools Secured a re-narrating of colored "Alleys" to "Street," "Place" and "Court;" had the plans of

the new City Auditorium revised so as to include first class accommodation for Negro citizens; requested and encouraged the election of a fulltime colored worker in the county welfare department; worked out and adopted a budget plan of operation; compiled a classified list of business institutions as the beginning of a reference library on "The Negro in Durham;" participated in "Clean-Up Week," "Negro Health Week," "Thrift week" and other national and community programs; sent delegates to attend the annual meeting of the National Negro Business League at Tulsa, Okla.; sent many letters of encouragement and thanks to liberal white friends and officials for their interest in Negro progress; began an intensive organization of various business, professional and civic groups; assisted in the entertainment of conventions and visitors; held conferences with public official, regarding the new county home, police and

fire protection for Hayti, play grounds, busline, hospital service and many other matters of civic importance.

New York—Ten colored men, seven boys, and two Negro college students will be among the American delegation to the World's Conference on the Y. M. C. A., which meets in Helsinki, Finland, August 1 to 6. Most of these men and boys sailed from New York on July 16. The boys will be members of one of the "world friendship tours," conducted every year under the auspices of the National Council of the Y. M. C. A.

Max Yeargan, a graduate of Shaw University, who has achieved an international reputation by reason of his work for the Young Men's Christian Association in South Africa, will be one of the speakers at a night session of the conference on August 2. At the close of the meetings there, Mr. Yeargan will go to Denmark, where

he will attend a meeting of the General Committee of the World Student Christian Federation. Members of the colored delegation will also serve as discussion leaders of devotional exercises at Helsingfors, where fifty-two countries will be represented.

Channig H. Tobias, senior secretary of the Colored Work Department of the National Council, and Ralph W. Bullock, national secretary for work among colored boys, will head the colored group from this country. Local colored Y. M. C. A's will be represented by the following prominent men:

Louisville, Ky.—Dr. James Bond, state Y. M. C. A. colored work secretary, and international secretary for Kentucky.

Detroit, Mich.—H. S. Dunbar, secretary of the St. Antoine Branch.

Atlanta, Ga.—Dr. John Hope, President of Morehouse College, and a member of both the National Council and the General Board of the Y. M. C. A.

Wichita, Kans.—W. L. Hutcherson, secretary Water Street Branch.

Denver, Colo.—L. H. Lightener, chairman of the committee on Management, Glenarm Branch Y. M. C. A.

Cleveland, Ohio—A. H. Martin, an attorney, Vice chairman of the Cedar Avenue Branch Y. M. C. A.

Cincinnati, Ohio—Dr. William T. Nelson, a member of the Ohio State Committee and the National Council.

Bordentown, N. J.—W. R. Valentine, Principal of the Bordentown Manual Training and Industrial School and a member of the National Council.

The boys who will make the trip to Helsingfors as delegates are: Burton Curry, Springfield, Ohio; Kenneth Eldridge, Hartford, Conn.; Hightower Kealing, Kansas City, Kan.; Arthur Method, Columbus, Ohio; A. V. Smith, Fort Worth, Texas; C. C. Spaulding, Jr., Durham, N. C.; and Thomas Tolbert, Dallas, Texas.



Burton Curry is the son of Prof. E. W. B. Curry, head of the Curry Institute, Urbana, Ohio. The Rev. S. T. Eldridge, pastor of Shiloh Baptist church at Hartford, is the father of Kenneth Eldridge. Arthur Method is the son of Dr. W. A. Method, chairman of the Springfield Branch, of the Columbus, Ohio, Y. M. C. A. Spaulding's father, C. C. Spaulding, is President of the North Carolina Mutual Insurance Company.

Hightower Kealing is the son of the late H. T. Kealing, President of Western University, Kansas City, Kan. Tolbert and Smith represent the Hi-Y clubs of Texas.

Two college students also will serve as delegates. They are: John Dillingham, Yale Divinity School, New Haven, Conn., and R. W. Riley, Florida Memorial College, Live Oak, Fla. Mr. Dillingham is a graduate of Shaw University and a representative

## IS THE Y. M. C. A. LACKING IN SPIRITUALITY?

When one reads the great speech of Channing H. Tobias, Senior Secretary of the Negro Y. M. C. A. work in America, before the World Y. M. C. A. Congress in Finland in the light of what the organization is doing in the concrete in this country, the question naturally arises in the mind of the student of idealism, "Has not the organization drifted from that spiritual atmosphere and purpose for which it was instituted?" The speech of Mr. Tobias was great and worthy of the man, but after all it is not the eloquence of the orator, or the applause of the intellectual audience that counts most in the equation, but the reaching and the uplifting of those for which the organization was founded, that counts most.

If the Y. M. C. A. as a moral force would fill the purpose for which it was founded, it must be rededicated spiritually. The institution is daily losing in the public regard, as a moral factor, in the saving of men for the higher life.

The organization is evolving itself into a cold blooded business proposition, half managed. One, upon entering a Y. M. C. A. building, no longer feels the environment of a Christian home, but the atmosphere of a cheap bed-house, operated for dimes and nickels. No spirit of welcome greets you; no glad hand extended; no smile challenges the best in the man; just the cold blooded price of a room, exacted for a key, and you are left to find your room as best you can. You are reminded more of a business office where the fellows are fighting to raise their salaries, far more than you are of the environments of a Christian home. No courtesy or service is shown you; no inquiry made as to your comfort or pleasure; no tender of good office to make it pleasant for you, or to have you feel at home; just a cold blooded, half managed bed-house is the environment that envelopes you. When you return the key next morning, the clerk hardly looks at you, and bawls out, "Leave the key on the counter." And, it is a common thing to find from three to nine army cots in a room used as beds. No glass, comb or brush, hardly enough light to read the Bible, if one were provided in the room, and often no chairs, and you must sit on the side of your cot, as in a prison cell. If you have not a dollar, it matters not how worthy, you are turned away like a tramp. The slogan is, you must "go on." The organization seems to be rendering no other service than to furnish fat jobs for college graduates, who never contribute anything to the work, except literary speeches and set orations. They do nothing to reach the masses and to help the lowly and unfortunate. When on their visits they do not come in contact with the people they are supposed to reach, but spend their time in entertaining and being entertained at the instance of the local secretaries. As a rule, more is spent at banquets in honor of the travelling officers than is spent on the waifs in the streets, who ought to be reclaimed for Christ. In fact, the Y. M. C. A. Buildings, as conducted now, are in direct competition with cheap bed houses and local hotels, and the only thing they are to be commended for is that no immoral practices are permitted in any of the buildings it has been our good pleasure to visit or investigate. But this virtue is almost obscured by reason of the unsanitary, unclean and untidy condition of the rooms. The buildings, as a rule, are dirty, unkempt, and half kept.

So, our Senior Secretary, and those working under him, could find work far more profitable to humanity than making great speeches to intellectual audiences in foreign lands. The American representatives will return home, and the one thing they will talk about for the next two years will be what they saw in Europe, what a great speech they made, or that some other man made. The waifs in the

streets, the fellow in the gutter, and the people in the underworld who are starving for the blessed light of the Bible, and the tender hands of humanity, and who are at the doors of the local branches throughout the country, will hear none of these speeches, and neither will any effort be made on the part of our Y. M. C. A. organization to relieve suffering humanity from the weights of sin that are destroying their bodies and damning their souls.

Sometime ago we wrote several articles to arouse the local branch from a state of lethargy, do-nothing and negligence. Many of the managers got angry and said hard things about us, and criticised us unfairly, but we paid no attention to them, we were working for a cause. We owe the public a duty, and we know we were rendering that service because of the yelp of the fellow who was doing nothing. It is the truth that hurts, and we did not say a thing that we could not prove. We did not lose our heads and we are not angry now. We take consolation from the fact that we aroused the managers, made them get busy, and we are seeing the results. And, we will jump on them again as soon as they let up.

Verily, the Y. M. C. A. organization nationally, so far as the Negro is concerned, is lacking in spirituality and is losing in moral force. Let the Y. M. C. A. organization forsake cheap commercialism and return to the spiritual environment that its founders contemplated, the saving of men for Christ. It matters not how cheap the average Negro hotel is, you will find a Bible in every room to remind the traveller that there is a God that directs the destinies of men and nations. But, in the Y. M. C. A. buildings no Bibles are in the rooms to remind the sojourner that there is a God and the purpose of the institution is to make men better on earth and to reclaim them to a higher life.

What is described as the greatest recognition ever given Negroes by a world conference was accorded the eighteen American and five African Negroes in attendance at the World Conference of Y. M. C. A. Workers, held August first to sixth at Helsinki, Finland. R. W. Bullock, National Colored Boys' Secretary of the S. National Board, and W. S. Nelson, professor at Howard University, Washington, were also discussion leaders. One of the outstanding figures from the colored American group was the Rev. Channing H. Tobias, senior international secretary Y. M. C. A. work among colored men, United States National Council of New York City. Mr. Tobias addressed the conference on "Christ and the Negro Youth," copies of his address in English, French and German being distributed among the conference members. Fifteen hundred delegates from forty-six nations heard and applauded the address. In Mr. Tobias' discussion group of thirty men was included Prince Oscar Bernadotte, a brother of the King of Sweden.



Y. M. C. A. - 1926

## Theological Students to Meet in New York

New York, May 22.—Theological students from 30 institutions will be present at the second annual inter-seminary association conference, which will be held in connection with the 14th annual student Y. M. C. A. conference, which draws delegates from 140 Y. M. C. A. centers with high rank will address and lead the discussion.

Some of the institutions represented are: Howard university, Lincoln university, Morehouse college, Morris Brown university, Shaw university, J. C. Smith university, Talladega college, Livingstone college. The executive officers of the association are: E. H. Davis, chairman, Lincoln university; J. R. Dunbar, J. C. Smith university; B. H. Johnson, Union university; W. H. Perry, Morehouse college, secretary, treasurer.

## EVANSTON Y GETS \$10,000 BEQUEST

## Modern Building Planned for North Shore Association

A new modern Y. M. C. A. building for Evanston's Emerson St. department has been made possible by a \$10,000 bequest in the will of Frederick C. Dwight J. Harris (white) and the probate court recently in Evanston, Ill.

Dr. Harris, who lived at 1415 Chicago Ave., had been interested in religious, social and charitable work and his bequest requests totaled \$10,000. He was a friend of the Y. M. C. A. and was very much interested in the work it was carrying on among members of the race in Evanston.

A. P. Perry, chairman of the committee of management, knew Dr. Harris personally and had known for some time that the Emerson St. Y was to be remembered in the will.

In the new building adequate space will be provided for swimming pool, separate social space for men and boys, educational rooms, dormitories, enlarged gymnasium for accommodation of spectators at athletic events and possibly a cafeteria. Full details of the plans will be given out soon by the committee of management.

The work at the Emerson St. department has taken a progressive trend during the last few months, but it will of necessity be hampered because of the lack of building space and equipment until the new building project goes forward. The gift of Dr. Harris has already stimulated a larger interest in the work and is resulting in proposals for other gifts.

## GOOD WORK BY MOORLAND BRANCH

The Negro citizens, members and supporters of the Moorland Branch, Y. M. C. A., are to be congratulated upon the very effective manner in which they carried to a successful conclusion the campaign to raise \$5,000, in which pledges were secured for \$7,502, or more than fifty per cent. in advance of the amount set as the goal.

The setting up of the Moorland Branch in the West End of the city is a move in the right direction. It will provide a center of wholesome recreation for the colored people, and they will not be slow to appreciate its advantages.

In the recent campaign, in which was imposed upon the colored citizens the task of raising \$5,000, they have shown a willingness to assume the burden that belongs to them, and to carry on their affairs with the same degree of responsibility that the white people assume.

Undertakings of this character, by the colored people, elevate them to a new dignity, because it puts them on a plane where they strive for the mastery of their own affairs, rather than being the subjects of assistance from their white fellow citizens, and never willing to move in any direction unless aided.

We once heard a leading Negro of the Nation say that the trouble with the members of his race was "that they wanted the white folks to carry them along." This charge does not apply to the colored people of this city, who have advanced to as high a degree as circumstances have permitted, and who have evinced a willingness to go on as rapidly as means of progress are placed at their disposal.

The Hope Chapel property will be fully equipped for recreational purposes, and those of the colored race who want to advance themselves will find here a means of attaining their ambition.

The leaders of the recent drive, men and women, have done a commendable work, and they deserve the well wishes of every thoughtful citizen.

The work of the Y. M. C. A., or of any similar organization cannot be of other than great benefit to the community, and when the influence of such organizations is extended to a large number of citizens than heretofore, its worth as a civic and moral force is greatly enhanced.

Any organization that aims to divert men and women from the iniquitous ways of the world, and direct them to the highway of righteousness, has a worth that manifests its value in the character of those who come within the scope of its influence.

## NEGROES ORGANIZE NEW SERVICE CLUB

## The Rev. J. E. Culmer Named President—Y. M. C. A. CLUB PREPARES Branch to Be Sought

Permanent organization of the Tampa Service club, Tampa's newest group for the promotion of civic, religious and social uplift, was completed Monday night at the Elks Rest. The Rev. J. E. Culmer was elected president; Dr. J. A. White, first vice-president; Edward McRae, second vice-president; A. E. Ashley, third vice-president; Prof. A. J. Shoots, secretary; Dr. G. W. P. Johnson, assistant secretary; G. S. Middleton, corresponding secretary; Dr. J. A. Parker, chairman on constitution and by-laws; T. W. Bryan, chairman executive committee; Dr. J. A. Butler, publicity chairman.

The president was authorized to appoint chairmen of the working forces of what promises to be the strongest and most influential negro welfare organization in the state. The aim of this organization is the establishment of a branch Y. M. C. A., and to lend its influence and support to existing organizations working along kindred lines, namely: moral, religious, social and economic improvement, to the end that the status of the negro citizenry may be improved and strengthened.

It was decided at this meeting that the organization offer to sponsor the reception to be given for the incoming executive secretary of the Tampa Urban League. The next meeting will be held at the office of the Afro-American Insurance company, 707 Constant street, Monday night, at 8:30 o'clock.

## Negro Branch of Y. M. Being Organized Here

Steps toward the establishment of a negro branch of the Young Men's Christian association in Tampa have been taken by the organization of the Tampa Service club, which will undertake at once a survey as a basis for the proposed branch.

The Rev. John E. Culmer, rector of St. James' Episcopal church, has

been elected president of the club. Other officers are Edward McRae, vice president, Edward Stone, treasurer, A. J. Shoots, secretary, G. S. Middleton, corresponding secretary.

The following committee chairmen have been appointed: Dr. J. A. Butler, publicity; Dr. J. A. Parker, program; Dr. R. R. Williams, civic; J. T. King, religious; Dr. J. A. White, social.

## Rev. J. E. Culmer Is Elected Organization Head.

Permanent organization of the Tampa Service club was effected Monday night at a meeting at the Elks Rest. Aim of the organization is to establish a negro branch Y. M. C. A.

The Rev. J. E. Culmer, rector of St. James' Episcopal church, was elected president; Dr. J. A. White, Edward McRae, and A. E. Ashley were elected first, second and third vice presidents, respectively; A. J. Shoots was elected secretary; Dr. G. W. P. Johnson, assistant secretary; G. S. Middleton, corresponding secretary, and Dr. M. J. Anderson, treasurer.

The president was authorized to appoint necessary chairman. Dr. J. A. Parker was named chairman of the committee on constitution and by-laws; T. W. Bryan, chairman of the executive committee, and Dr. J. A. Butler, publicity chairman. The new organization will offer to sponsor the reception to be given for the incoming secretary of the Tampa Urban League. The next meeting will be held Monday at 8:30 p. m. at the offices of the Afro-American Insurance company, 707 Constant street.

## Negroes Organize Tampa Service Club

Negroes in the city have organized a Tampa Service club. One of the chief objectives is a survey looking to the establishment of a branch Y. M. C. A.

Following is a list of the officers elected and the members enrolled to date: Rev. John E. Culmer, president; Edward McRae, vice president; Edward Stone, treasurer; A. J. Shoots, secretary; G. S. Middleton, corresponding secretary; Dr. J. A. Butler, publicity; Dr. J. A. Parker, president of program committee; Dr. R. R. Williams, president of civic committee; J. T. King, president of religious committee; Dr. J. A. White, president of social committee; T. W. Bryan,

Le Roy Howell, S. P. Foster, R. L. Williams, J. L. Moore, H. E. Lester, W. M. Watson, and R. V. McDowell.



# 19 TO SAIL IN Y. DELEGATION TO FINLAND

10 Men, 7 Boys and 2 College Students Sail On July 16

S. S. BOOKER, BALTO., IS UNABLE TO GO

Conference of 52 Nations To Discuss The Boy Problem

NEW YORK—Ten colored men, seven boys, and two college students will be among the American delegation to the World's Conference of the Y. M. C. A. which meets at Helsingfors, Finland, August 1 to 6.

Most of these men and boys will sail from New York on July 16. The boys will be members of one of the "world's friendship tours," conducted every year under the auspices of the National Council of the Y. M. C. A. here.

S. S. Booker, of Baltimore, selected to make the trip has given it up.

Max Yergan, a graduate of Shaw University, who has achieved an international reputation by reason of his work for the Young Men's Christian Association in South Africa, will be one of the speakers at a night session of the conference on August 2. At the close of the meeting there, Mr. Yergan will go to Denmark, where he will attend a meeting of the General Committee of the World Student Christian Federation.

Members of the colored delegation will also serve as discussion leaders and leaders of devotional exercises at Helsingfors where fifty-two countries will be represented.

Tobias Heads Delegation  
Channing H. Tobias, senior secretary of the Colored Work Department of the National Council and Ralph W. Bullock, national secretary for work among colored boys, will head the colored group from this country. Local colored Y. M. C. A.'s will be represented by the following prominent men:

Louisville, Ky.—Dr. James Bond, Y secretary, and interracial secretary for Kentucky.

Detroit, Mich.—H. S. Dunbar, Y secretary.  
Atlanta, Ga.—Dr. John Hope, president of Morehouse College, member of National Council and the General Board of the Y. M. C. A.  
Wichita, Kan.—W. L. Hutcherson, Y secretary.

Denver, Colo.—L. H. Lightner, chairman, Glenarm Branch Y. M. C. A.

Cleveland, Ohio—A. H. Martin, attorney, vice chairman Cedar Avenue Y.

Cincinnati, Ohio—Dr. William T. Nelson, a member Ohio State Committee and National Council.

Bordentown, N. J.—W. R. Valentine, principal Industrial School and member of National Council.

**Boys' Group**  
The boys who will make the trip to Helsingfors as delegates are: T. Burton Curry, Springfield, Ohio; Kenneth Eldridge, Hartford, Conn.; Hightower Kealing, Kansas City, Kan.; Arthur Method, Columbus, Ohio; A. V. Smith, Fort Worth, Texas; C. C. Spaulding, Jr., Durham, N. C.; and Thomas Tolbert, Dallas, Texas.

Burton Curry is the son of Professor E. W. B. Curry, head of the Curry Institute, Urbana, Ohio. The Rev. S. T. Eldridge, pastor of the Shiloh Baptist Church at Hartford, is the father of Kenneth Eldridge. Arthur Method is the son of Dr. W. A. Method, chairman of the Springfield Branch of the Columbus, Ohio, Y. M. C. A. Spaulding's father, C. C. Spaulding, is president of the North Carolina Mutual Insurance Company.

Two college students also will serve as delegates. They are John Dillingham, Yale Divinity School, New Haven, Conn., and R. W. Riley, Florida Memorial College, Live Oak, Fla. Mr. Dillingham is a graduate of Shaw University and a representative of the colored student Y. M. C. A.'s on the National Student Council. With Mr. Yergan he will attend the World Student Christian Federation meeting in Denmark as official representative of the Colored Student Associations in this country. Mr. Riley is chairman of the Florida State Council of Colored Student Associations.

**Boys**  
The conference at Helsingfors, which, it is believed, may result in "the inauguration of a new working between scientific investigation and the assurance of the Christian faith" will be devoted largely to a study of boys and their problems. In preparation for the discussions there, a survey has been made in all of the fifty-two countries to obtain a closer appreciation of the youth problem through consultation with the boys themselves.

**What Boys Think**  
Colored boys in a number of American communities have participated in these preliminary discussions. On the whole, they seemed to favor more responsibility for youth. One group believed that boys without homes make better men, and that a boy who has a home "should be responsible for helping to build it," and should be paid for his work and treated as a partner.

**White Supremacy**  
Concerning race, the colored boys expressed the opinion that many Negroes "think God ordained white supremacy" and that often the dark races do not give themselves "credit

for any kind of achievement." Such an inferiority complex, although on the decline, social workers say, is a handicap to the race.

## Negroes to Have Representation of Nineteen at Y. M. C. A. Meet Abroad

Max Yergan, Association's South African Worker, to Address World Conference — Convening at Helsingfors, Finland

Ten men, seven boys, at the Negro representation at to the World's Conference of at Helsingfors, Finland, August and boys will sail from New York will be members of one of the conducted every year under the aile of the Y. M. C. A. here.

Max Yergan, a graduate of Shaw University, who has achieved an international reputation by reason of his work for the Young Men's Christian Association in South Africa, will be one of the speakers at a night session of the conference on August 2. At the close of the meetings there Mr. Yergan will go to Denmark, where he will attend a meeting of the General Committee of the World Student Christian Federation. Members of the colored delegation will also serve as discussion leaders and leaders of devotional exercises at Helsingfors, where 52 countries will be represented.

Channing H. Tobias, senior secretary of the Colored Work Department of the National Council, and Ralph W. Bullock, national secretary for work among colored boys, will head the colored group from this country. Local colored Y. M. C. A.'s will be represented by the following prominent men:

Louisville, Ky.—Dr. James Bond, state Y. M. C. A. colored work secretary and interracial secretary for Kentucky.

Detroit, Mich.—H. S. Dunbar, secretary of the St. Antoine branch.

Atlanta, Ga.—Dr. John Hope, president of Morehouse College, and a member of both the National Council and the General Board of the Y. M. C. A.

Wichita, Kan.—W. L. Hutcherson, secretary Water Street branch.

Denver, Colo.—L. H. Lightner, chairman of the Committee on Management, Glenarm branch, Y. M. C. A.

Cleveland, Ohio—A. H. Martin, an attorney, vice-chairman of the Cedar Avenue branch, Y. M. C. A.

Cincinnati, Ohio—Dr. William T. Nelson, a member of the Ohio State Committee and the National Council.

Bordentown, N. J.—W. R. Valentine, principal of the Bordentown Manual Training and Industrial School and a member of the National Council.

The boys who will make the trip to Helsingfors as delegates are: T. Burton Curry, Springfield, Ohio; Kenneth Eldridge, Hartford, Conn.; Hightower Kealing, Kansas City, Kan.; Arthur Method, Columbus, Ohio; A. V. Smith, Fort Worth, Texas; C. C. Spaulding Jr., Durham, N. C., and Thomas Tolbert, Dallas, Texas.

Burton Curry is the son of Prof. E. W. B. Curry, head of the Curry Institute, Urbana, Ohio. The Rev. S. T. Eldridge, pastor of the Shiloh Baptist Church at Hartford, is the father of Kenneth Eldridge. Arthur Method is the son of Dr. W. A. Method, chairman of the Springfield Street branch of the Columbus, Ohio, Y. M. C. A. Spaulding's father, C. C. Spaulding, is president of North Carolina Mutual Insurance Company.

Hightower Kealing is the son of the late H. T. Kealing, president of Western University, Kansas City, Kan. Tolbert and Smith represent the Hi-Y Clubs of Texas.

Two college students also will serve as delegates. They are: John Dillingham, Yale Divinity School, New Haven, Conn., and R. W. Riley, Florida Memorial College, Live Oak, Fla. Mr. Dillingham is a graduate of Shaw University and a representative of the colored student Y. M. C. A.'s on the National Student Council. With Mr. Yergan he will attend the World Student Christian Federation meeting in Denmark as official representative of the Colored Student Associations in this country. Mr. Riley is chairman of the Florida Council of Colored Student Associations.

The conference at Helsingfors, which, it is believed, may result in "the inauguration of a new working alliance between scientific investigation and the assurances of the Christian faith," will be devoted largely to a study of boys and their problems. In preparation for the discussions there a survey has been made in all of the 52 countries to

obtain a closer appreciation of the youth problem through consultation with the boys themselves.

Colored boys in a number of American communities have participated in these preliminary discussions. On the whole, they seemed to favor more responsibility. One group believed that boys without homes make better men, and that a boy who has a home "should be responsible for helping to build it," and should be paid for his work and treated "as a partner."

Concerning race, the colored boys expressed the opinion that many Negroes "think God ordained white supremacy" and that often the dark races do not give themselves "credit for any kind of



# "Christ and the Negro Youth"

By Dr. C. H. Tobias

is yet a largely unrealized ideal. So says the report of preliminary inquiry of this conference.

[The following address was delivered by Secretary Channing H. Tobias, of the Colored Work Department of the National Council Y. M. C. A., before 1,500 delegates of the World's Conference of Young Men's Christian Associations, held in August, 1926, at Helsingfors, Finland. Present were representatives from forty-six nations, with eighteen American colored men and five Africans present. The address of Dr. Tobias, printed, was circulated also in French and German. Our readers are fortunate to receive this address, which is a decided contribution to the task of establishing practical Christian brotherhood in the interrelationships of men of every kind all around the world.—Editor.]

**B**ECAUSE the main objective of this Conference is the focusing of the minds and hearts of young men upon Christ it is of supreme importance to the Negro youth of the world, who have a heritage of faith in Christ passed on to them by those who knew Him intimately. For what brighter page is there in the history of modern Christian experience than that which tells of African slaves in America who without use of money or arms prayed into existence a public conscience that ultimately brought deliverance from bondage? Just a single illustration of the simple faith to which we are heirs: I stood by the bedside of an aged Negro woman who was suffering from an incurable disease. My final word to her was the expression of a wish that she might soon be better. She looked up with a smile upon her face and said: "Honey, the Lord's been good to me. He's done everything I've asked Him to do. He's helped me to rear my children and grandchildren so that they are all good and useful; in fact, He's been so good to me that I would be ashamed of myself to ask Him to raise me up. No, I am just waiting until He comes." Naïve, you say. Yes, but it was just this simple sort of faith that enabled the Negro to survive 250 years of slavery and emerge from it with songs that sounded no note of revenge and breathed no word of hatred.

While it is because of this heritage that Negro youth of Africa and America to-day are responsive to the call of Christ, they are drawn consciously near to Him when in seeking after Him they learn that He is no respecter of persons; that He is a Friend of the unprivileged, and that He has made love of one's fellow man the main test of His discipleship. Such words cause the pulse to beat high with hope. A Master Friend has been found. All who have fellowship with Him must think of each other as He thinks of each one. How could it be otherwise? The sad fact faces us, however, that this lofty principle of full brotherly fellowship in Christ across racial lines

It is a puzzled Negro youth who turns his eye inquiringly towards Helsingfors to-night. From South Africa he is asking how it is that many Christian leaders, either through active advocacy or passive acquiescence, give their support to such measures as the Color Bar Bill. He does not understand the Christian conscience that has no word of opposition to restrictions upon land ownership by natives and no strong word of disapproval of the living conditions of native workers in the gold and diamond mines.

The Negro of the United States is puzzled about a Christian leadership that has for more than fifty years without serious protest witnessed flagrant violations of the Fourteenth and Fifteenth Amendments to the Constitution (those protecting citizens in the exercise of the right of suffrage), while national or sectional conventions are held every year in the interest of the enforcement of the prohibition amendment. He further wonders why it is that these same Christian leaders have permitted an anti-lynching bill to fail of passage twice for lack of influential backing.

Paradoxical though it may be, this puzzled youth is also an encouraged youth. While in truth he is clearly bewildered at the failure of so many Christians to live up to the brotherhood ideals of Christ, he is not unmindful of the fact that some progress has been made.

In West Africa the native youth is encouraged at the aroused interest in education brought about by the co-operative efforts of Fraser and Aggrey, while in South Africa a silver lining to the cloud of despair is found in the contacts between white and native students made possible through the wise leadership of Max Yergan and Christian white men who have joined hands with him.

In the Southern United States signs of hope appear in the holding of joint Christian Student Conferences in some instances and the sending of fraternal delegates from one conference to the other where the conferences are held separately. In making these departures, white students have broken with the traditions of their elders which forbade the breaking of bread with Negroes.

What do Negro youth expect of Helsingfors?

1. They are praying that out of Helsingfors shall come such a vision of Christ that delegates themselves will see all men as brothers, and such a baptism of the

spirit of Christ as will send men home to work to the end that Christian brotherhood across racial lines may be more and more a living experience.

2. They are praying that the experiments in interracial fellowship already begun in Africa and America may receive the support of Christian associations that they so much deserve and need.

3. They are hoping for a strong word on the continuance and strengthening of indigenous leadership in Christian association work among the colored races. They would not, however, have the organization of branches for racial groups operate to the exclusion of colored men from other branches to which their interests would naturally carry them.

4. They are praying for such conviction on the part of Christian association leaders as to the urgent needs of the youth of the darker races as will lead to the early making of plans to enter this long-neglected unoccupied field. This will involve consideration of the needs of natives in the programs of national Christian movements responsible for work in Africa, and expansion of the program already in operation in the United States.

5. Finally Negro youth of the world are praying that their representatives at Helsingfors may get such a vision of Christ that the whole race in Africa and America may be-enabled to see through them in Christ light for guidance as they move "slow through the dark."



# HONORED AT SESSIONS OF WORLD Y MEET

## U. S. Delegates Lead Discussion Groups

[Special Cable to the Defender]  
Helsingfors, Denmark, Aug. 27.—As great recognition as has been given to members of the Race in world conference was accorded last week to the 18 men in the Race delegation to the Y. M. C. A. general conference here. In addition to the Race delegates from the United States, five Africans were present and played a prominent part in the convention proceedings.



C. H. Tobias

Channing H. Tobias, international secretary, and Ralph W. Bullock, boy's work secretary in the United States, along with Prof. W. S. Nelson of Howard university and Max Yergan of South Africa, were called upon to serve as discussion leaders. Mr. Bullock, who had attained a wide reputation in the United States as one of the youngest and most promising executives in the national group of Y. M. C. A. officials, explained to the representatives of Y. M. C. A. organizations in all countries where the Y work is carried on the principles of boys' work.

Mr. Tobias addressed the conference on the subject, "Christ and the Negro."

Mr. Tobias' speech led in part: "What brighter page is there in the history of modern Christian experience than that which tells of African slaves in America who without use of money or arms prayed into existence a public conscience that ultimately brought deliverance from bondage? It was simple faith that enabled the Race to survive 250 years of slavery and emerge from it with songs that sounded no note of revenge and breathed no word of hatred. But the sad fact faces us today that this faith in a Christ who is no respecter of persons—this lofty principle of full brotherly fellowship across racial lines—is yet a largely unrealized ideal."

"It is a puzzled youth who turns his eye inquiringly toward Helsingfors tonight. From South Africa he is asking how it is that many Christian leaders either through active advocacy or passive acquiescence give their support to such measures as the Color Bar bill. He does not understand the Christian conscience that has no word of opposition to restrictions upon land ownership by natives and no strong word of disapproval of the living conditions of native workers in the gold and diamond mines."

"The Race in the United States is puzzled about a Christian leadership that has for more than 50 years without serious protest witnessed flagrant violations of the 14th and 15th amendments to the Constitution (those protecting citizens in the exercise of the right of suffrage) while national or sectional conventions are held every year in the interest of the enforcement of the prohibition amendment. It further wonders why it is that these same Christian leaders have permitted an anti-lynching bill to fail of passage twice for lack of influential backing."

"In the southern United States signs of hope appear in the holding of joint Christian student conferences in some instances and the sending of fraternal delegates from one conference to the other where the conferences are held separately. In making these departures white students have broken with the traditions of their elders."

"But this youth, in his self-consciousness he is liable to be so taken up with problems of adjustment without that he will forget about the need of uplift within. Our youth are subject to all the temptations that other youth face and with fewer safeguards. What do our youth expect of Helsingfors?"

"1. They are praying that out of Helsingfors shall come such a vision of Christ that delegates themselves will see all men as brothers, and send men home to work to the end that Christian brotherhood across racial lines may be more and more a living experience."

"2. They are praying that the experiments in interracial fellowship already begun in Africa and America may receive the support of Christian associations that they so much deserve and need."

"3. They are hoping for a strong word on the continuance and strengthening of indigenous leadership in Christian association work among the Colored races. They would not, however, have the organization of branches for racial groups operate to the exclusion of Colored men from other branches to which their interests would naturally carry them."

"4. They are praying for such conviction on the part of Christian association leaders as to the urgent needs of the youth of the darker races as will lead to the early making of plans to enter this long neglected unoccupied field. This will involve consideration of the needs of natives in the programs of national Christian movements responsible for work in Africa, and expansion of the program already in operation in the United States."

# WOULD AID RACE BOY TO RISE

## Says Scout Movement Should Embrace All Youth

Regional Field Scout Executive  
Harris to be a problem the Norfolk Scout Council soon must face, and he added:

"Its going to require courage, but you men do not look like men who lack that quality."

"The colored Boy Scout troop question, President Lewis told Mr. Harris, as he closed his address, 'already has become one which is causing us some concern.'"

Though no action was taken, Mr. Lewis told the regional executive that it is probable that you'll be invited to come down here soon to help us develop the scout program among the Negroes."

Montgomery, Ala., Advertiser

## NEGRO SCHOOL BOYS TO HOLD MEETING

### First Older Boys' Conference to Open Friday at State Normal

The first older boys' conference for negro boys in Alabama will open on Friday afternoon at the local State Normal school under the auspices of the state executive committee of the Alabama Y. M. C. A. J. Ward Nelson, state secretary and Ralph W. Bullock, secretary, colored department, national Y. M. C. A. council, will be in charge and will be assisted by an executive committee of Alabama school principals and ministers headed by President H. Council Trenholm of the local normal school.

The boys to be in attendance from the junior and senior high schools of Mobile, Montgomery, Birmingham and Selma and from the various county training schools of central and southern Alabama, will follow a program extending from Friday afternoon through Sunday afternoon.

The Friday afternoon session will be given over to a miscellaneous opening program. On Friday evening, welcome addresses will be given by Rev.

B. Holmes and Profs. Randall and Drake with the response to be given by Prof. A. H. Parker of Birmingham. At the Friday evening session also, Secretary Nelson will talk on the subject, "Why are we here?" and Secretary Ralph Bullock will give a lecture: "Charting a Boy." On Saturday morning, the program will include a group leaders breakfast, a devotional period led by Prof. L. F. Morse of Mobile, a forum discussion, "Making Life Count in the Church," led by Rev. J. L. Kilpatrick of Greensboro, a forum discussion, "Making Life Count in the School," led by Prof. E. J. O'Neal of Waugh, and an address, "Making Boyhood Count in Life," by President Trenholm.

After attending the State Normal-Tuskegee football game at Cramton Bowl on Saturday afternoon, the delegates will hear an address at 6:45 by

Secretary R. W. Bullock on "Boys of Other Lands," and then be the guests of the State Normal students at the

football reception. On Sunday morning the delegates will attend the various city churches and will close the conference with a mass meeting in the afternoon, the address to be made by Rev. Harry E. Jones of the Hall Street Baptist church.

This conference, as the first effort of the state Y. M. C. A. organization to reach the colored boys in a state handicapped as a result of there not being any city secretaries serving colored boys, will touch particularly those boys from the various schools which do not operate student associations. The discussion opportunities for the boys will be supplemented by some consideration of the Y. M. C. A. problems here in Alabama.

## STUDENTS TO GATHER IN Y. M. C. A. MEET

### Race Colleges To Have Large Number At

#### Conference

New York—Delegates, men and women, of more than three hundred thousand will gather at the National Conference of the Young Men's and Women's Christian Association which is to be held at Milwaukee, Wisconsin, December the 28th—January the 1st. The Council of Christians Associations is the joint committee promoting the meeting. Invitations have already gone out to over seven hundred colleges. The delegations will come from every state in the Union and from foreign countries.

Negro students from more than fifty colleges will attend the Conference. Among the already invited leaders are: Henry Sloane Coffin, Glen Clark, Charles W. Gilkey, Reinhold Niebuhr, Mordecai Johnson, T. T. Lew of China, Richard Roberts of Canada, Howard Thurman, C. C. Kullman of Switzerland, G. A. Suddert-Kennedy of England, Max Yergan of South Africa, W. C. Craver, Juliette Dornicotte, Leslie Blanchard, C. H. Tobias, Kirby Page, W. J. King of Gammon and others. More than a hundred Negro delegates are expected to participate in this great gathering of college and university students.



Y. M. C. A. - 1926.

# Dr. Channing H. Tobias Spends a Sunday in Riga

By Dr. George A. Simons,  
Superintendent Methodist Episcopal Church in the Baltic

ON SUNDAY morning, August 8, a party of 110 Y. M. C. A. delegates, chiefly American, arrived by special train in Riga, having come from Helsingfors, Finland, where they had attended the World's Conference of the Young Men's Christian Association. Then spent a strenuous Sabbath as guests of the Riga Y. M. C. A., visiting the Strand, and in the evening witnessing a playground demonstration at the Y. M. C. A. field, and attending a reception given by the Minister of Foreign Affairs at the Officers' Club.

Among the delegates was Dr. Channing H. Tobias, of New York City, secretary of the Colored Work Department in the national council of Y. M. C. A. He was the guest of Dr. George A. Simons, superintendent of the Methodist Episcopal Church in the Baltic States. Dr. Tobias and Dr. Simons were classmates at Drew

Seminary. Dr. Tobias preached in the American Church (Methodist Episcopal) in the forenoon and in the German service in the afternoon. At 6 o'clock in the evening he delivered a masterly address to a congregation of 600 persons in the First Lettish Methodist Episcopal Church, Akulla, Riga, his subject being, "The Negro as a Christian-Cultural Factor in America." He thrilled the people by singing a number of Negro spirituals. At the close of the meeting over 300 persons rushed up to the chancel to grip the hand of this distinguished Negro leader and scholarly orator.

"During my nineteen years' experience in Russia and the Baltic countries," said Dr. Simons, "I have had scores of speakers from abroad in our meetings, but never before have I been privileged to witness anything like the remarkably spontaneous response accorded Dr. Tobias.

These Baltic people, whose ancestors had been serfs for centuries, evidently felt a bond of sympathetic kinship with this eloquent representative of the colored race that had come up out of the tribulations of two and a half centuries of slavery in America. So far as my knowledge goes, Dr. Tobias has the rare distinction of being the very first American Negro clergyman who has preached, lectured, and sung in these Baltic lands. His presence and messages have brought a great blessing to

our Methodist work and the people of Latvia. The leading newspapers of Riga have given much space to the visit of the American Y. M. C. A. delegates, but especially to Dr. Tobias as an outstanding figure of compelling interest. We hope he will soon come again."

The Y. M. C. A. party left Riga the following forenoon, resuming their extension tour to west Europe and proceeding via Warsaw to Prague. There were ten Negro delegates in the party.

## DALLAS, TEX.

NOV 9 - 1926

## Negro Y. M. C. A. Work Discussed by Committee

Extension work of the Young Men's Christian Association among negro men and boys of the State and means of providing funds for the employment of a negro State work secretary were considered by the negro Y. M. C. A. State work committee, in annual meeting at the central association building.

Representatives from Marshall, Mexia, Houston, Waco, Tyler and Fort Worth and four Hi-Y delegates, one from Fort Worth and three from Dallas, were in attendance. M. W. Dogan, State work secretary, presided.

C. H. Tobias, senior secretary of the Y. M. C. A. national council, outlined plans of the national body for negro work in the Western region. J. D. Rice, executive secretary of the Moorland branch in Dallas, described local work and Thomas Tolbert, Hi-Y representative to the world conference in Helsingfors, Finland, in July reported on his trip.

## STUDENTS OF MANY NATIONS GATHER AT NYBORG, DENMARK.

New York, N. Y., Aug. 21—The World's Student Christian Federation is now in session at Nyborg, Denmark. The sessions will continue through August 25th. The last meeting of this nature was held at High Leigh, England in 1924. Delegates are present representing thirty six nations and races. Among the African delegation is Max Yergan, Association Secretary for native students of South Africa. John Dillingham, Shaw University and the Yale School of Religion, is one of the ten American delegates participating in the meeting. Mr. Dillingham as the representative of Colored in the meeting. Mr. Dillingham as the representative of Colored American students, men and women, is also the representative of the National Student Councils of the United States. Dr. John R. Mott, President of the World's Y. M. C. A. Alliance and one of the founders of the Federation said, in a preliminary word: "There are many signs that the Federation is gathering strength for a resolute move forward." The Federation, whose purpose it is to bind together in Christian unity all nations and races, was begun at Vadstena, Sweden in 1895. The first representative of Negro Students was the late W. A. Hunton at Tokyo meeting. At the High Leigh meeting the representative was Miss Juliette Derricotte of the Women's National Student Councils.

# YERGAN SAYS SOUTH AFRICA IS ADVANCING

## Natives Desire Share In The Politics Of Country

New York, Oct. — Out of an environment that is still largely uncivilized, the natives of South Africa, backed by a growing sentiment on the part of the white residents, are steadily advancing socially and intellectually according to the picture of the situation just brought back from Cape Province by Max Yergan, the originator and leader of the work of the Young Men's Christian Association among the natives in South Africa.

Mr. Yergan returned from Africa on furlough October 9, after five years of uninterrupted work based partly on the support given by Negroes in the United States and partly on what he calls the "growing sentiment among a certain portion of the white population in South Africa in favor of greater justice for the natives."

Last week he was the honor guest at a dinner at the International House, this city an event which has since been called the most outstanding interracial gathering ever brought together here. At the dinner, Mr. Yergan outlined his work and his hopes for the future.

"The mind of the European," he said, "is slowly awakening to the magnitude of the African situation. Wealth is pouring into that vast territory, and the world is turning there for the products which Africa yields. This has created a startling economic and social problem.

"By force of circumstances, the natives find themselves living in a civilization which is basically European. Their heritage being different from that of the Europeans, they are face to face with the necessity of measuring up to the standards which surround them.

"Of the 7,000,000 people in South Africa, 5,500,000 are colored, and less than 1,000,000 of these have become Christianized. Yet those who have had opportunities of advancement, intellectually and socially, have proved themselves well



able to fulfill the obligation which it imposes. And more and more they are looking for aid and guidance from the Negroes of America, who, unquestionably occupy the highest place of any colored people in the world.

"The people among whom I work are desirous of having a share in politics, but I give as my considered view that they hold no revolutionary ideas. They are somewhat discouraged by the land situation and by the Color Bar Bill, which seeks to keep natives out of certain skilled occupations. They also are protesting certain proposals for removing some of their franchise privileges in the Cape Province. But they do not seek to overturn the existing government. "The situation is being considered with notable moderation by the native leaders, who seem willing to co-operate in every way with the government. It is my belief that in time this spirit of co-operation will meet with a definite response.

"The Young Men's Christian Association has been responsible for bringing the claim of the natives before the white inhabitants. Out

**RICHMOND  
VIRGINIA**

NOV 9 1926

**DRIVE FOR \$3,500  
WILL START SOON**

**Colored Young Men's Christian Association Plans Campaign for Funds.**

A campaign shortly will be started by the Colored Young Men's Christian Association for \$3,500, which is needed to carry on the work of this organization for the year starting Nov. 1, 1926, and ending Oct. 31, 1927.

This announcement was made last night at the celebration of the thirty-seventh anniversary of the founding of the association, which was held at the Fourth Baptist church, with John S. Powell, president, in charge. According to the treasurer's report, read by J. J. Carter, \$2,469.62 of the entire treasury of \$2,518.82 had been expended for work carried on during the past year. This disbursement leaves a balance of \$49.20 with which to commence the work of a new year.

The appeal for donations was made to both white and colored friends of the organization.

According to a report made by the general secretary of the association, Scott C. Burrell, on the visitations,

meetings and acts of charity sponsored by the organization, the following statistics were made known:

Prayer meetings at the church numbered fifty-two, special meetings for young boys numbered fifty two; also forty-four meetings were held for men and fifty-two for city workers. Twenty-four meetings were held in the city jail, five in the county jail and 121 in the penitentiary. Twenty-one visits were made to hospitals, eighty-nine concerts were brought to Richmond churches through efforts of the organization. During this year lodgings were provided and free meals served, and employment was found for men, women and young boys who were without positions, according to the report read.

Special music was presented at the meeting by the choir of the Fourth Baptist church and addresses were made by John S. Powell, W. H. Stokes, of Ebenezer Colored Baptist church, and Linwood Herndon, who spoke to the boys. A special prayer was offered by R. P. Daniel.

**DALLAS, TEX.**

NOV 9 1926

**Negro Y.M.C.A. Committee Holds State Meeting**

The negro Y. M. C. A. State work committee held its annual meeting at the central association building here Monday to plan extension work among the negro men and boys of the State. The committee also discussed providing funds for the employment of a negro State work secretary. Six Texas cities sent representatives to the meeting. These were Marshall, Mexia, Houston, Tyler, Waco and Fort Worth. There were three Hi-Y representatives of Dallas and one from Fort Worth present at the meeting, which was presided over by M. W. Sogan, State work secretary.

The plans of the national council for work among the negroes in the Western region were outlined by C. H. Tobias, senior secretary of the council.

SEP 26 1926  
**THE SOUTHERN STATES  
CONSTITUTE 'Y' REGION**

**National Association Divides Territory In Order to Aid Work**

The Young Men's Christian Association is organized so as to cover the entire country with as little expenditure of time and money as possible, and therefore has its national headquarters in New York and regional offices in strategic locations.

The southern region has as its territory the 10 states from Virginia south with headquarters in Atlanta, 411 Palmer building, in charge of R. H. King, regional executive secretary.

As the national organization supervises the work at large the regional organization holds a relative relationship to the states within their boundaries, and lends assistance through the state associations to the local association.

The Tampa "Y" is constantly asking for national and regional representatives for some specific service, and always gets a willing response whenever such secretaries are available.

Those men who are serving this vast southern area and the departments they represent are: R. H. King, regional executive; A. Stuart Reed, boys' work; J. J. McConnell, income production; E. G. Wilson, industrial work; S. A. Ackley, financial work; J. W. Bergthold, student work; J. H. McGrew, colored work; John Dillingham, colored student work; W. W. Alexander, interracial; J. F. Dudley, railroad work; George O. Draper, physical work.

R. H. King, the regional executive, who has had a constant personal contact with the Tampa association for a number of years, is just now recovering from a very serious illness. While on his vacation at Charleston, S. C., Mr. King was bitten by some insect and was threatened with blood poison and an operation, and was confined to a hospital there for weeks. He is now at his home in Atlanta and a letter from Mr. King's office states that he hopes to return to his duties within the next few days.

## Students Close Fine Session

**John Davis Discusses Students' Problems in Northern Schools**

About four hundred students and teachers attended the three sessions of the sixth annual educational conference of the West 135th Street Y. M. C. A. August 6 to 7.

John Davis, acting assistant director of The Crisis, discussed "Problems of Negro Students in Northern Universities" on Thursday evening, August 5.

He stated that the Negro student's problems are of two kinds: those thrust upon him, such as finding amusements for his spare time; those created by himself, such as "carrying a chip on his shoulder."

"Interest in extra-curricular activities is a step toward leadership. Students should prove equality instead of preach equality," said Mr. Davis.

Commenting further on the subject, Mr. Davis said: "The position of Negro women in white colleges is terrible. White women will make friends with white and Negro men. Negro men will make friends with white and Negro men and women. Yet white men—and very often white women—will not make friends with Negro women.

"The solution to our problems in northern universities lies here: When in college our group must stop herding together. We must be natural and take part in all activities we can get into."

Prof. Ambrose Calliver, assistant dean of Fisk University, in speaking on "Problems of Students in Negro Colleges," said that our problems are those of standardization, authority, scholarship and the increase in the cost of education.

On Friday evening, August 6, George L. Collins, field secretary of the Fellowship of Reconciliation, and Frank T. Wilson, student secretary of the National Council of the Y. M. C. A., told of interracial forums that are being organized.

Miss Juliette Derricotte, national student secretary of the Y. W. C. A., in telling of methods used to organize forums between Negro and white Y. W. C. A.'s, said the vital question is "What to do next."

On Saturday evening, August 7, Walter F. White, assistant secretary of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, discussed the development of Negro literature. "Negro life is a

fertile field that has barely been touched," said Mr. White, in telling of the prospects of racial literature.

"Negro music had its beginning in the underworld," said George S. Schuyler, who spoke on the development of Negro art. "In 1910 it was considered out of place to sing 'blues,' but now it is considered art. In short, Negro music is undergoing an evolution."

On each night of the conference guest artists appeared.

**ATLANTA MAN  
NAMED MEMBER  
OF Y. M. C. A. BODY**

Helsingfors, Finland, August 6.—Increased religious and scientific education regarding sex has been advocated at the final conference of the world meeting of Young Men's Christian Association here.

The conference voted to authorize the first Y. M. C. A. athletic meet, which will be held at Copenhagen in 1927. The next world conference will be held in 1930.

New members of the world committee of the Y. M. C. A. are: W. W. Fry, Philadelphia; John Hope, Atlanta; W. H. Byrd, Chicago; Oraian L. Jackson, N. W. Ramsey, Cleveland; J. E. Smithman, Shreveport, La., and William Speers, New York.

John Hope is president of Morehouse college. He has been connected with the institution for many years and is said to be one of the leaders in educational and Y. M. C. A. work in the southern states.



Y.M.C.A. - 1926

# Impressions Of The Blue Ridge Students Conference

(R. I. Boone)

The fact that there are many among the ranks of the American youth who are interesting themselves in the more fundamental issues of life cannot easily be denied. Under the direction of the Y. W. and Y. M. C. A.'s and other forward looking youth organizations special emphasis is being placed on the larger question of practical Christianity. The question, "what would Jesus do in a given situation?" is not an uncommon one among the youth today. In spite of the rank indifference, on the part of some, toward justice and equality, there are a host of young men and women of both races who are courageously endeavoring to follow out the teachings of Christ; and marvelous results are being achieved. Especially is this true in the much debated question of the relation between races. As a pioneer in this particular matter the work of the Y. M. and Y. W. C. A.'s, during the past five years, has been unique. As evidence of this fact many outstanding instances might be mentioned—data for such are available—but reference here will only be made to one typical occasion.

In connection with the Southern Student Conference (white,) held at Blue Ridge, during the past three years, those in charge have conducted a five-day pre-conference retreat, from the tenth through the fifteenth of June including in its membership the Regional Council men and such others whom the council, through its chairman, might invite. This year,

in their arrangement for this particular retreat, as a further experiment in the matter of race-relations, the officers in charge, with the approval of the council at large, extended to the Regional Council of the South-Eastern Student Conference (Colored) an invitation for two fraternal delegates. It happened that the writer of this article was one of the men chosen for this delegation. The other was Mr. Wesley Elam, a student of '26 of the Collegiate Department of Hampton Institute.

The reception given us on our arrival, on the morning of the 10th, at Chipmunk Lodge—the summer camping quarters of Mr. J. W. Bergthold, Regional Student Secretary of the National Council of the Y. M. C. A. and Executive Secretary of the Blue Ridge Conference was most cordial. Both Mr. Bergthold and the chairman of the Regional Council, Mr. Francis Henson, student at Lynchburg College, Lynchburg, Va., manifested, from the beginning a spirit of broadness and sincerity. After a few hours council members from their respective states began to arrive.

At 7:30 we gathered at "Council Ring," a rustic sort of meeting station, situated a few yards distance from Chip-Munk Lodge. Council Ring like Chip-Munk Lodge is marked by its novel appearance. On every side one beholds imposing mountains, bedecked in foliage green; at a distance the glittering waters of the lake. The very appearance of Council-Ring, therefore, with its picturesque surrounding impresses one that it is a place uniquely fitted

for meditation and for discussion on the greater issues of life. It was such a place that for five days, four hours each, we assembled and studied together such vital questions as the following: "Jesus and His Attitude toward Property," "Relation between Men and Women," "Our Relation to God and to Each Other." After five days meditation, exchanging of ideas and fervent discussion on Monday night we came to our final meeting of the Retreat. Like each of the former ones, this session was marked by a spirit of oneness and devotion.

The invitation extended to the South-Eastern Regional Council for me appeared most significant, I should find difficulty, for to me the entire occasion was of similar importance. Many were the interesting things which transpired: the lectures and addresses; the mass Bible study; the group discussions; the projects; etc. Possibly, however, the feature which impressed me most was the pleasant fellowship. A spirit of oneness obtained throughout. One would readily discover that much of the antagonism prevalent among the groups in America today is due to a lack of understanding, each of the other. When the Negro and white students are brought face to face, and allowed to study together the common problems, the existing prejudices, in a very decided manner, "dissolve into air—in the air."

tender such an invitation would be there various evidences of progress. The matter, for instance, of By vote of the Regional Council having Negro fraternal delegates in members, representatives of the sev- attendance at the Pre-Conference Retreat and Conference of the Southern Region is a step forward. It is not a frequent thing moreover, for a strictly white audience to be addressed by a Negro. But at Blue Ridge one of the principal speakers was Dr. Mordecai Johnson, of Charleston, W. Va. That Dr. Johnson's speech was received with interest and appreciation was evidenced by the great ovation given him. Multitudes of college students, destined to be the leaders of the next generation, are breaking down the various unfavorable conditions, and who in a very definite manner are rendering inestimable service in establishing a social order characterized by equity and justice. In this connection, I take the occasion to pay special tribute to the noble spirits, J. W. Bergthold, Francis Henson, and the other members of the Southern Regional Council, whose labors and dynamic influence are playing no small part in obliterating prejudice between the races in the Southland, and establishing a spirit of brotherhood.

The general atmosphere of the Conference was no less cordial than that of the Retreat. Our relations were uniformly mutual and amicable. If there was any dissatisfaction or feelings of prejudice on the part of the nearly four hundred students present, it was not discovered by a rather critical observer.

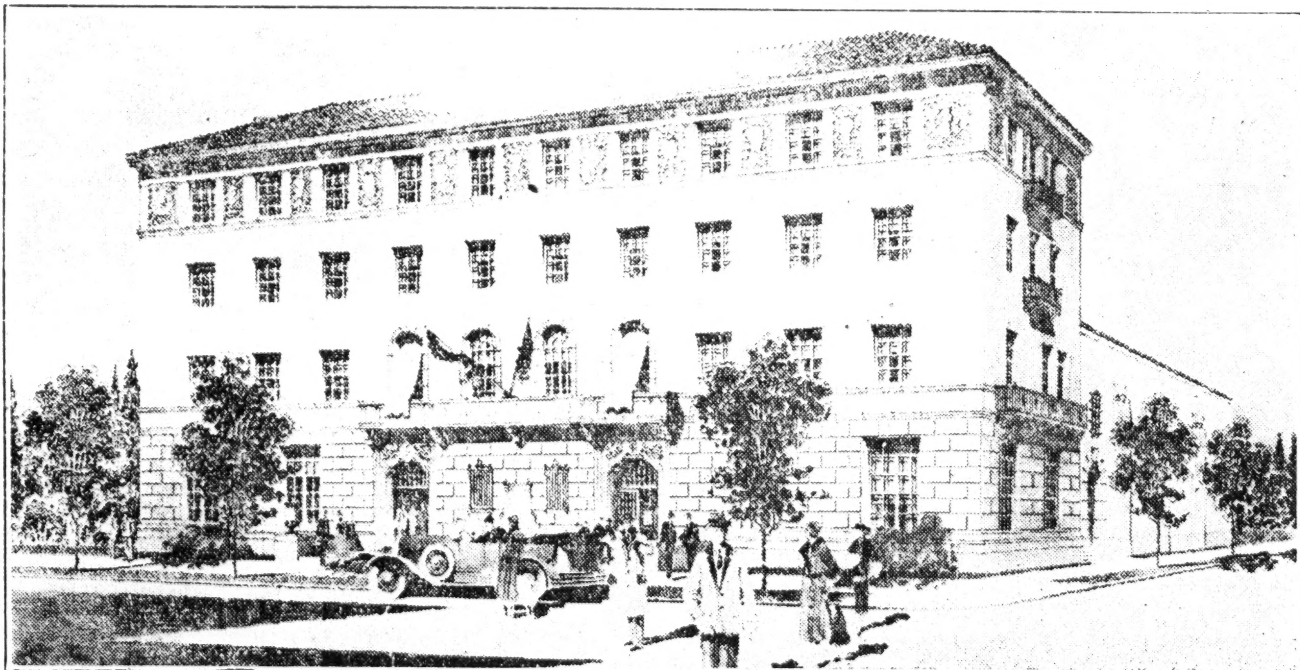
To specify a particular feature of the Blue Ridge Conference which to me appeared most significant, I should find difficulty, for to me the entire occasion was of similar importance. Many were the interesting things which transpired: the lectures and addresses; the mass Bible study; the group discussions; the projects; etc. Possibly, however, the feature which impressed me most was the pleasant fellowship. A spirit of oneness obtained throughout. One would readily discover that much of the antagonism prevalent among the groups in America today is due to a lack of understanding, each of the other. When the Negro and white students are brought face to face, and allowed to study together the common problems, the existing prejudices, in a very decided manner, "dissolve into air—in the air."

That conditions in many sections, pertaining to the race question are deep is a matter of fact. The aspects of America's problems are numerous. Happily, however, there are gleams of light;



Y.M.C.A. - 1926

# CONTRACT AWARDED FOR NEW "Y" CHANGE BRINGS COST TO \$200,000



The contract for the erection of the new Y. M. C. A. building at Twenty-eighth and Paloma streets has been awarded to the Walter Slater Company, contractors and builders (white). T. W. Waite, who has the contract for clearing the lot of its present buildings, is now busy cleaning up the site. The building contractors are expected to begin work about the first of February or soon after, with the expectation of completing the new building by the first of July.

The Walter Slater Company was the lowest bidder among eight other large contracting companies of the city, including one of our own group.

The plans for the construction of this branch have been changed to some extent. A new wing has been added, and instead of fifty-two dormitory rooms there will be seventy. The building when complete will cost, instead of \$150,000, nearly \$200,000.

Professor T. A. Green, secretary in charge of the East Ninth Street Branch, who is rapidly gaining strength after a long illness, is jubilant over the fact that at last the

work on the new building is about to begin, and in less than a year's time we will be coming and going and enjoying the many accommodations of this splendid enterprise.

## TWO BISHOPS ON Y. M. C. A. COUNCIL

NEW YORK.—Bishop W. T. Vernon of Detroit, representing the A. M. E. Church, and Bishop R. A. Carter of Chicago, representing the C. M. E. Church, have been appointed members of the Commission of the Churches of the National Y. M. C. A. Council.

The Commission, composed of more than a score of prominent church leaders of the Protestant denominations of America, has for its object the promotion of better working relationships between the churches and the Y. M. C. A.

The National Baptist Convention and the A. M. E. Zion Church have been invited to appoint representatives and will doubtless do so as soon as their official committees meet.

## HEAD OF MOREHOUSE LEAVES FOR FINLAND

Dr. John Hope, president of Morehouse college, left Monday to attend the Y. M. C. A. world conference which will be held in Stockholm, Finland. Dr. Hope is a member of the national council of the Y. M. C. A. and is one of the 19 colored delegates from the United States who will attend the conference.

This delegation will be led by Dr. Channing H. Tobias, national secretary of the colored work department of the Y. M. C. A., and W. W. Bullock, national secretary for work among negro boys. It will be made up of 10 men, seven boys, and two college students. At the conclusion of the conference the boys will join the "world friendship tour," conducted annually under the auspices of the Y. M. C. A.

## The Y. M. C. A. in Schools and Colleges Completes Successful Year

### Advances Have Been Made in Race Relationships, Religious Development, and World Education

The Young Men's Christian Associations in the schools and colleges of America have experienced during the past twelve months the greatest growth in religious development, race relationships, world education of any previous year during the fifty years that the "Y" idea has been developing on the school campus. This has certainly been true among the colored institutions. During the year just passed Dr. A. B. Curry of the Biblical Seminary, New York City, held institutes on religion and the practicability of Christianity in the colleges from coast to coast.

Mr. G. L. Collins of the Fellowship of Reconciliation visited all of our larger colleges speaking to students and teachers and leading them in discussions on war, race and industrial and international problems. Colored student associations are now definitely related to the World Student Christian Federation composed of thirty-six nations and races.

Max Yergan, secretary of the native students of South Africa, graduate of an American College, product of the Association movement, is a member of the executive board of this world organization. During October and November more than one thousand students, men and women, colored and white, of the southern states met in joint World Court Conferences, promoted and executed by both races. One-third of these delegates came from colored institutions. Men and women of both groups organized and executed the first "all Tennessee" conference of students ever staged in that state. The total attendance of this conference was about two hundred, one-quarter of which was colored. For the first time in the history of

the Association, colored students formed a part of the company that went on Pilgrimages through the continent of Europe during the past summer.

Closely allied to international visitation is the large city Summer Service groups. Colored students were represented last summer in the New York City service group. The pioneer student in the Summer Service groups and European Pilgrimages was R. P. Daniel of Union University.

There was held during the year ten State "Y" Conferences for the training of nearly five hundred student officers. Three hundred students and faculty men attended the Summer Student Conferences at Waveland, Miss., and Kings Mountain, N. C. The organization now employs three full-time secretaries; W. C. Craver, F. T. Wilson, L. K. McMillan. Co-operating with these secretaries are twenty-five volunteer student workers who are officers of the State Regional, and National Student Councils.

## 600 CHEER AS COLORED Y. M. C. A LEADS NEW YORK

By EDGAR G. BROWN

New York—The unprecedented honor of leading sixteen other New York association branches and even its Board of Directors by raising 107 per cent of its quota in the Annual Y. M. C. A. United Campaign for \$465,314.00 goes to the West 135th Street Branch of Harlem.

Forty workers and their captains led by John B. Nail and Henry G. Parker, Sr., marched in review before six hundred white Y. M. C. A. enthusiasts in the Belvedere Banquet hall of the Hotel Astor at Friday noon after partaking of a fine luncheon served for the first time with colored and white "Y" campaigners, sipping demi-tasse and eating delicious beef steak a la carte together. Pass Christian, Barrow or thank him!

The Y. M. C. A. is really practicing Christian brotherhood in New York and Thomas H. Taylor's 135th Street Branch has led the procession again over the top nosing out the New York Central, Pennsylvania



Railroad and the French Branches. the other three 100 per cent teams who were trailed by six other branches by approximately the complete percentage of their quota subscriptions.

It was one of the new signs of 1926 to see that splendid group of men from Harlem parade across the directors' platform and hang up the 135th Street banner in first place as six hundred of their fellow residents of Greater New York cheered to the echo. It was a unique testimony to the absolute equality of New York's "Y" movement.

## RELIGIOUS EMPHASIS WORK IS CARRIED INTO SCHOOLS

**Atlanta, Ga. Journal**  
Educational Institutions Hear Noted Speakers at Chapel Hour—Dr. Durham Addresses Negro Mass Meeting **JAN 28 1926**

With the distinguished speakers who are here for "Religious Emphasis week" concentrating on work among schools and colleges, practically every educational institution in Atlanta on Thursday held special religious services at the chapel hours.

In addition to this feature of the work, the evening services in six centrally located churches, which have drawn large audiences throughout the week, are arousing increasing interest, as are special meetings of other kinds.

The schedule of speakers Thursday evening at 7:30 o'clock was announced as follows: West End Baptist, Dr. Alva W. Taylor; St. Paul's Methodist, Dr. J. Stitt Wilson; Second Baptist, Dean Thomas W. Granger; Grace Methodist, Dr. Henry I. Crane; First Presbyterian, Colonel Raymond Robins; Big Bethel, Sherwood Eddy.

Negro churches throughout the city also are holding daily services at 12:15 o'clock each afternoon, Dr. Plato Durham, of Emory university, being the speaker at a great negro mass meeting at the Central Methodist church Thursday.

In addition to the regular noon-day and evening services Wednesday, Francis T. Miller, national Y. M. C. A. secretary, addressed the various Hi-Y clubs at the Central Y. M. C. A., while Dr. Henry I. Crane, a minister of Walden, Mass., addressed the Masonic club at its regular meeting.

## Thomas Tolbert of Dallas and A. V. Smith of Fort Worth Chosen to Represent Texas at International Boys' Conference to be Held in Finland by College Heads and Y. M. C. A. Officials in Conference Here

land Branch Y M C A. Dallas.  
The meeting was held in the spacious library of the beautiful high school.  
Dr. M. W. Dogan, chairman of State Executive Committee Colored Department and member of the National Council calls leading men to meet in Dallas to discuss ways and means of advancing the Y. M. C. A. movement in Texas to elect a delegate from the Hi-Y-Club in Texas to represent the "Western Region" in the World's Conference at Helsingfors, Finn., Aug. 1-6, 1926. There will be in all 122 delegates to attend this conference from the U. S. A. Texas is signally honored to have one of its promising youths to come from the Hi-Y Clubs of the Lone Star State.

The Committee of Arrangements has decided upon a type of conference some what unlike the previous gatherings of the World's Alliance. Instead of the more formal program devoted largely to addresses and papers, the new plan being made to insure that the Helsingfors program, while including a few propetic and inspiring addresses by outstanding leaders of youth be a real conferring together, both of the fifteen hundred delegates and and qually a real conferring together of hundreds of Association members through out the world who will not be able to go to Finland.

The following responded to the call of the Y. M. C. A. chieftain, viz: President Irvin, Jarvis Christian Institute, Hawkins, Texas; Prof. T. W. Pratt, Dallas, Texas; S. H. Fowler, Executive Secretary Y M C A. Colored Branch, Fort Worth, Texas; Dean O. A. Fuller, Bishop College, Marshall; Prof. J. Hoads, principal Booker Washington High School, Dallas; Dr. C. W. Abington, Dallas; J. D. Rice, Executive Secretary, Mo-

land Branch Y M C A. Dallas.  
The meeting was held in the spacious library of the beautiful high school.  
Dr. M. W. Dogan, chairman of State Executive Committee Colored Department and member of the National Council calls leading men to meet in Dallas to discuss ways and means of advancing the Y. M. C. A. movement in Texas to elect a delegate from the Hi-Y-Club in Texas to represent the "Western Region" in the World's Conference at Helsingfors, Finn., Aug. 1-6, 1926. There will be in all 122 delegates to attend this conference from the U. S. A. Texas is signally honored to have one of its promising youths to come from the Hi-Y Clubs of the Lone Star State.

The following were elected delegates to the Helsingfors Conference, viz.: Thomas Tolbert, Dallas; A. V. Smith, Fort Worth.  
The committee in order to assure the going of these two delegates would raise not less than \$900. They have set themselves to the task of raising \$1,000. They voted to ask each College and local Y M C A for \$25.00 and appointed special workers in different cities to raise money for said purpose. Their first report to be made at 5th Annual State Older Boys Conference at Corsicana, April 2-4. They were favored with the presences of Mr. Grover C. Good, State Boys' Work Secretary, the presence of Mr. Grover, Sec'y as a representative from the State office. After the work of the meeting had been completed the committee was served to a well balanced meal, that was rare and exceptional by the Domestic Science Dept. The hospitalities and courtesies at the Booker Washington was unbounded. The committee left with praise on their lips for the efficient faculty good behavior of student body and splendid organization.

conference was held at the Sixteenth Street Baptist Church when plans were discussed and a program suggested.

Ministers and organizations requested to meet the conference Sunday at 3:00 p. m. at the Sixteenth Street Baptist Church. The committee is working out the details. Encouragement is received from all sections of the city from both races and from the indication the people of Birmingham is ready for a Y. M. C. A. for Negro people in this city.

Ministers and organizations requested to meet the conference Sunday at 3:00 p. m. at the Sixteenth Street Baptist Church. The committee is working out the details. Encouragement is received from all sections of the city from both races and from the indication the people of Birmingham is ready for a Y. M. C. A. for Negro people in this city.

## Negro Women of City Raise \$767 for Y. W. C. A. Work

Twenty-five negro women, working in the interests of the Phyllis Wheatley Branch of the Young Women's Christian Association, collected \$767.32 in the first day's work of the annual finance campaign, which is being carried on simultaneously with the campaign of the Central Y. W. C. A.

Workers meet at the Phyllis Wheatley building each evening at 7 o'clock. Students from Johnson C. Smith University will furnish music at the meeting Wednesday night. Thursday night, the Girl Reserves will entertain the workers, and Friday night there will be a program by the industrial clubs of the association.

## Race Man Is Architect For "Y" Bldg.

BUFFALO, N. Y., Mar. 11.—John E. Brent, race architect of Glenwood avenue, has been selected to design and supervise the building of the Michigan Avenue Branch of the Y. M. C. A. The association has recently acquired a parcel of land with a frontage of 92 feet in Michigan avenue, adjoining a site bought for the new branch more than a year ago and has now a 90-foot frontage in Michigan avenue at Cypress street.

Work on the new building will begin in May. The branch will cost approximately \$175,000 and will have dormitory accommodations for 50 men, besides gymnasium, swimming pool, cafeteria, social rooms and other "Y" features. It is also expected to serve as a social center for the colored population of the city, said to total about 10,000. The \$25,000 gift of the Julius Rosenwald Fund of Chicago will be applied on this building.

**Y PLANS BEING WORKED OUT IN  
AN EFFECTIVE MANNER—MEET-  
ING IS PLANNED FOR SUNDAY**

The effort to establish a Y. M. C. A. for the Negro people of Birmingham is being discussed in a very effective manner. Last Sunday an interesting

## Six Southern Negroes Named as Delegates

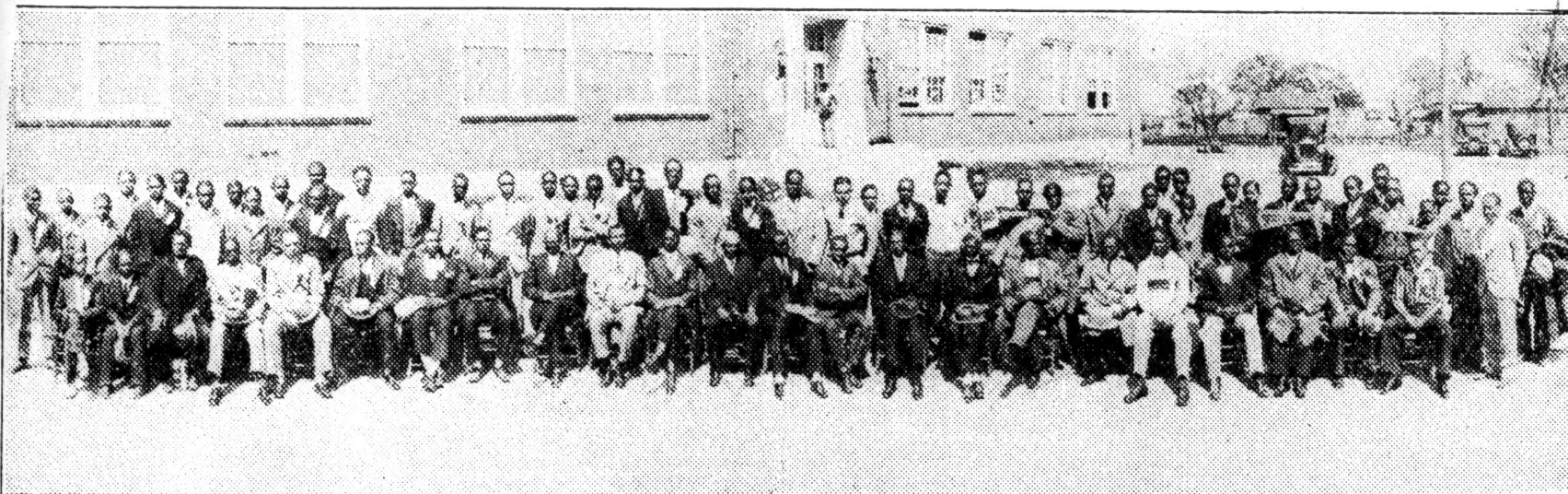
Six negroes have been elected to represent their race in the south at the world's Y. M. C. A. conference at Helsingfors, Finland, in August.

Names of the southern representatives announced here Wednesday were: Robert Moton, president of Tuskegee Institute; James Bond, director of the state interracial committee, Louisville; John Hope, president of Morehouse college, Atlanta; Robert E. Jones, New Orleans; R. W. Riley, student at the Florida memorial school; and C. C. Spaulding, Jr., of Durham, N. C.



Y.M.C.A.-1926

# High School Boys of Many Cities Attend Fifth Annual Conference In Corsicana



Corsicana, Texas, April 10, 1926.

Throughout two days of last week to the full with the helpful advice and counsel of older men who have stood for years at the forefront of Christian activities in the state of Texas, the largest gathering of boys, members of the various Y.M.C.A.s of the various high schools and colleges of the state, ever gathered in the role of the five years of the conference, were the guests of the city of Corsicana.

The adult members of the conference included Dr. M. W. Dorgan of Wiley University, Marshall; Messrs. S. H. Fowler, Ft. Worth; T. W. Pratt, Dallas; J. T. Rice, Dallas; L. B. Ross, Jarvis Christian Institute of Hawkins; F. R. Pierson, Sherman; W. M. Gordon, Dallas; Gilbert Stocks, Houston; G. W. Jackson, Corsicana; Prof. Lister, Ross and Pierson of Kerens; Rev. Walker of Fort Worth; Prof. Melvin J. Banks, Dallas; and Rev. Moore of Corsicana. Several of the white Y. M. C. A. Officials were present among

whom were Messrs. Urban Williams, State Secretary, Dallas; H. C. Good, of the general staff of Dallas, Mr. Goode of the local Y. M. C. A. of Corsicana and Mr. Denison of the general staff of Chicago. The boys were gathered from more than a dozen cities.

The meeting was called to order on Friday by President Layton Minor of Dallas and from that time until the close of the sessions, the time was filled with helpful addresses by the older members of the meeting. Ample time was given for expressions from the young men present and nothing was left undone which would conduce to the more efficient direction of the lives of these young men into useful

channels. The main theme of the whole conference was "Leadership," and the subject was so handled as to cause those present to see how they, having had access to superior advantages in Christian education and culture, should take the place of leaders in their communities and thus repay society for the

preparation of the good things which they enjoyed. Music for the meetings was furnished by the quartet of the Washington School composed of Marion Bridge, Allen Rutherford, Hugh B. Beatty and Clyde Hamilton, and by Prof. Ross of Jarvis Christian Institute.

## Representatives to Europe Presented

Much acclaim greeted the presentation of Thomas Tolbert of Dallas and A. B. Smith of Fort Worth who were chosen several weeks ago to represent the state at the International Boys' Conference which is to be held in Helsingfors during the summer. All of those present as well as their sponsors signified their willingness to help in the campaign for funds with which to defray the expenses of the representatives to the conference.

## Memorial Exercises Held for Walter Bird of Dallas

As an expression of the esteem in which the conference held Walter Bird, charter member of the con-

ference and active in Christian work in his school and church through his whole life, the conference on Saturday held special memorial exercises at which time adult members spoke of the splendid life of the young man and the conference passed resolutions expressing its sympathy to his parents. Bird died several weeks ago in a Dallas sanitarium, a victim of double pneumonia.

## Complete Roster of Officers Elected

As the result of the balloting which took place during the sessions of the conference, the following officers for the new year were declared elected: Clarence Davis, Temple, president, Maurice Allen, Houston, Abram Ross, Sherman, Hugh B. Beatty, Dallas and Henry Wheat, Fort Worth, vice presidents, U. S. Gates, Jefferson, secretary, Junior Melon, Corsicana, assistant secretary, J. Pemberton, Gainesville, treasurer. More than \$100, the greatest amount as yet recorded, was raised during the conference.

## SIX NAMED FOR WORLD "Y" CONFERENCE IN FINLAND

Six Negroes have been elected to represent their race in the South at the World Y. M. C. A. Conference at Helsingfors, Finland, in August.

They are: Dr. Robert R. Moton, Principal of Tuskegee Institute; James Bond, director of the state inter-racial committee, Louisville; John Hope, president of Morehouse College, Atlanta; Bishop Robert E. Jones, New Orleans; R. W. Riley, student at the Florida Memorial School and C. C. Spaulding, Jr., of Durham, North Carolina.

## Southerners Will Represent Race At Big 'Y' Conference

ATLANTA, Ga., April 8—Six of the most prominent race men of the south have been elected to represent the race in the South at the world's Y. M. C. A. conference at Helsingfors, Finland, in August.

Names of the Southern representatives, announced here last week were: Robert Moton, president of Tuskegee Institute; Jas. Bond, director of the state inter-racial committee, Louisville; John Hope, president of Morehouse college, Atlanta; Bishop Robert E. Jones, New Orleans; R. W. Riley, student at the Florida Memorial school, and C. C. Spaulding, Jr., of Durham, N. C.

## LITTLE ROCK GOES IN FOR A "Y"

(By the Associated Negro Press)  
Little Rock has decided to join the forward looking cities of the country by establishing a Young Men's Christian Association, with its fourfold

program, to administer to the needs of the colored men and boys, physically, socially, intellectually, and spiritually.

R. B. DeFrank, New York City, personnel and financial secretary of the Y. M. C. A., has been called in by the executive committee of colored men and board directors of the Metropolitan Association to direct the campaign for \$15,000 to be launched formally March 2-9. This period will parallel the time set for the campaign of the white organization. The campaign organization has been partially formed.

A. E. Bush has been selected by the executive committee as general chairman; Dr. G. W. S. Ish, associate general chairman; two division leaders being Judge Scipio A. Jones, Division A, and Mr. G. H. Evans, Division B. Associated with Judge Jones as leader is Mr. A. W. Zilton, and Dr. J. G. Thornton is associated with Mr. Evans.

## NORTH CAROLINA HOLDS SECOND ANNUAL COLORED BOYS' CONFERENCE.

For the second time the State organization of the Y. M. C. A. is fostering Colored Older Boys' Conferences in North Carolina.

Last year the first Colored Older Boys' Conference was held at the A. & T. College at Greensboro and was unusually successful having more different places represented than any similar conference ever held in the State. It was successful also in the fine spirit that pervaded and followed the boys back to their homes.

The demand from the cities has been so insistent for larger representation that the committee decided to hold two conferences instead of one as last year, one in the West at Winston Salem, April 9, 10, 11, and one in the Eastern part of the State at Raleigh, April 23, 24, and 25.

J. T. Fesperman, State Boys' Work Secretary, 350 Tryon St., Charlotte, is in charge of the conferences and W. A. Robinson, State Supervisor of Colored High Schools, is chairman of the Promotion Committee.



# Four Race Lads to Attend Big International "Y" Conference

SPRINGFIELD, O., March 25—T. Burton Curry of this city has been selected as one of the four race lads to represent the United States in the World Conference of the Y. M. C. A. at Helsingfors, Finland, in August, 1926.

Eleven colored men and four boys will be in the over two hundred from America, who will go to Finland. He was selected at Washington, D. C., to represent the states of Ohio, Michigan, Illinois and Indiana.

## A COLORED Y. M. C. A. NEEDED IN BIRMINGHAM

The city of Birmingham needs a colored Y. M. C. A. It needs this right now worse than it does anything else, because a Y. M. C. A. will afford neutral ground for combining the elements of social progress. Nothing else now will afford the same kind of opportunity for co-operative work and nothing else can be so easy of realization as this organization without commercial, denominational or political aspects in its program.

The spirit of the city has struck a dead level of easy-gliding sentiment on civic duty and nothing but a genuine revamping of its old ambitions can stir it to noble action.

The spirit of old jealousies persist. They rise up like the ghost of Banquo and will not "down" to anything.

They are here and we might as well recognize their existence at once and overcome their influence with whatever means we have at hand.

Their line will stretch out to the "crack of doom" except we find a means of driving them back to their haunts.

Birmingham must have a colored Y. M. C. A. Getting it is now the problem and this is more important than anything that might be done to allay any feelings or to pander to any jealousies that stand in the way.

If the committee finds this green-eyed monster in the way of its progress on the ways and means to start the campaign, the importance of the cause is transcendentally beyond the interest of the public in honoring any one or two men. Between honoring an individual and serving the public good, there is no compromise on the side of service and none should be made except to public advantage.

This matter of considering individual interests and feelings along with the success of public welfare projects has caused the failure of too many praiseworthy public enterprises.

The Y. M. C. A. is needed, the city must have it. Enthusiasm for it is growing. If there is any petty feeling or jealousy that stands in the way of its realization, it is the first duty of its supporters to center on it and dispose of it.

Our social life needs the stimulation that comes from such an organization, our commercial interests need it; our civic interests need it; our religious interests need it; in fact, everything will find it a stimulus worthy of universal approval and commendation.

It will afford a basis of co-operation and be a project on which we all can get together.

In this respect as a public enterprise it has advantages over the churches, the lodges, the social clubs, and all those organizations where creeds, crimps and constitutions are inviolable.

# NEGROES IN FOUR CITIES SCRIBE ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS TO "Y"

(By The Associated Negro Press)

Philadelphia, Pa., May 20.—"With the closing of this campaign the colored citizens in four cities—Buffalo, N. Y., Little Rock, Ark., Dayton, O. and Germantown, Pa.—have shown their ability and willingness to meet a great challenge based on an altruistic motive. In each city except one the goal sought has been over-subscribed by one hundred per cent. During this year the colored people have contributed more than \$100,000 toward the building, land and equipment for these Y. M. C. A. plants. This, together with the pledge of Mr. Rosenwald of Chicago and friends in the respective cities, has added a total of one half million dollars of property holdings for the work among colored men and boys. This has been the high tide year in building campaigns since the great war."

Thus spoke R. B. DeFrantz, campaign director, at the close of the successful drive by the men of the West Rittenhouse Street Y. M. C. A., Germantown, on last Monday night when it was discovered that the sixty workers had brought in a total of \$18,120.50 during the drive of seven days. The goal set for the Germantown men had been \$10,000.

George W. Deane, general chairman, of the drive, stated: "The unity of purpose shown by the men of Germantown leads me to believe a new day of cooperative activity will follow the splendid results of the campaign."

Dayton with a goal of \$15,000 the previous week reached a total of \$30,500. In March the men of Little Rock turned in more than \$32,000 in a drive for \$15,000. In Buffalo where the colored men were expected to raise \$10,000, \$21,000 was raised. Already plans have been drawn and building operations will be actively under way within a few days for a building in Buffalo on Michigan Ave. to cost between \$150,000 and \$175,000.

000. The indications are that at least five cities will conduct campaigns for modern buildings next year.

ATLANTA GAZETTE-JOURNAL

APRIL 2, 1926

## Six Southern Negroes Named as Delegates

Six negroes have been elected to represent their race in the south at the world's Y. M. C. A. conference at Helsingfors, Finland, in August.

Names of the southern representatives announced here Wednesday were: Robert Moton, president of Tuskegee Institute; James Bond, director of the state interracial committee, Louisville; John Hope, president of Morehouse college, Atlanta; Robert E. Jones, New Orleans; R. W. Riley, student at the Florida memorial school; and C. C. Shauling, Jr., of Durham, N. C.

## Y. M. C. A. for Negroes Here Being Talked

Chicago Philanthropist Offers \$25,000 Toward Institution.

Julius Rosenwald, Chicago millionaire, has offered the Y. M. C. A., \$25,000 provided a branch is built here for negro youths, it was announced yesterday.

C. J. Jackson, secretary of the local organization, said the members of the board of directors feel there is a need for such a "Y" branch in Jacksonville but no such venture can be undertaken without co-operation of the white people. The board, it was said, investigated operation of negro Y. M. C. A. branches in Atlanta, Ga. and several other cities where Rosenwald has helped finance the work, and found that an entirely new field of social service is being undertaken with success.

Under the terms of the Rosenwald offer, \$125,000 must be raised here and the necessary building constructed. Sixty days after construction has started, and assurances have been given that the work will be carried out, the \$25,000 gift will be made available. It is specified that white people shall be in charge, that the building be equipped with a swimming pool, gym and lobby, and that there shall be accommodations for at least fifty in the sleeping quarters.

It is asserted that Jacksonville is the logical place for such a Y. M. C. A. branch. Coming here in large numbers, young negroes offer opportunities for welfare, educational, physical and religious activity, it is declared.

It is asserted that negroes of the city have indicated they are willing to put up \$75,000 to help finance the project. The Y. M. C. A. directors

however, are unwilling to go ahead with the plan unless white support is assured. It is declared.

ONTARIO TIMES

APRIL 28, 1926

## COLORED "Y" CAMPAIGN ON.

Building Fund Drive Opened With Dinner Friday Night in Rooms of Branch.

The Colored Branch of the Y. M. C. A. opened its campaign for the collection of unpaid pledges to the building fund and the securing of additional pledges, with a dinner Friday night at 8 o'clock to the workers in the rooms of the branch, Maple place and Bloomfield avenue.

Addresses were made by several of those present. W. P. Allen is general chairman of the campaign and J. E. Sadler is chairman of the executive committee. The two division leaders are Thomas D. Madison, of the blue division, and C. R. Goree, of the red division. There are ten teams working in the campaign as follows: red division, Captains Fred Mason, Charles A. Smith, E. P. Thornhill, Harvey Butler, Jackson L. Hughes; blue division, Captains A. L. Terry, H. A. Ford, S. J. Adams, Kenneth Hampton and Thomas Bynum. The captain of the Hi "Y" team is Roosevelt McWilson. The executive committee comprises J. E. Sadler, chairman; W. P. Allen, C. R. Goree, Thomas D. Madison, James B. Holcombe, H. S. Bell and Harry H. Pace. Secretary Charles H. Bullock is campaign director.

The site for the new colored branch building is located on Washington street and comprises 97 by 291 feet, giving ample space for the building and out of door features, such as open air gatherings and tennis matches.

Reports of subscriptions and collections will be made each night during the next week at 9 o'clock in the rooms of the branch. The campaign

will close Friday night, April 30, will probably be started immediately. Work on the new branch building



Y. W. C. A. - 1926.

## Y. W. SWIMMING LINE

**COLORED OF NEW BEDFORD, MASS. FIND FREEDOM HOME OF DOUGLASS STIRRED TO STRONG PROTEST BY REFUSAL TO LET COLORED GIRL SCOUTS USE SWIMMING POOL IN NEW Y. W. C. A. BUILDING TO WHICH ALL WERE ASKED TO CONTRIBUTE Y. W. C. A. POOL OPEN**

New Bedford, Mass., May 23, 1926: What is styled as the "starting of a whole association, every group in it, tempest in a swimming pool" has been caused here by the action of the Young Women's Christian Association in banning Colored mermaids from the natatorium in the new Pleasant street building.

**Specific Case in Colored Girl Scouts Troop**

The matter came to a head recently when Miss May F. Lacey, leader of the Bluebird troop of Girl Scouts and a daughter of the Rev. William H. Lacey, pastor of the Bethel A. M. E. Church in Kempton street, reported to her father and Mrs. Emma L. Lewis, director of the New Bedford Girl Scouts that the whole troop had been refused permission to have their Saturday morning swim with other Girl Scouts of the city.

"Christless" instead of "Christian" Says Jourdain

Edwin B. Jourdain, one of New Bedford's most prominent lawyers, colored girls denied privileges at the himself Colored, pointedly asked Y. W. C. A. may dive and swim all W. C. A. officials in an interview with them wish in the big pool of the Y. M. a Post reporter tonight if they con-C. A. Among members those who use sidered that cleanliness had been the privilege is George Michaels, star monopolized by one race.

He suggested that the name of this one adult who uses the pool also, association be changed to the Young Women's Christless Association or church here.

that "Un" be inserted before the word Saturday while the rest of the city's Christian. Pastor Lacey, who admitted Girl Scouts were in the pool, Miss ted tonight that he conferred with Lacey was leading her troop of Girl prominent Y. W. C. A. officials about Scouts, 17 in number, on a hike to the discrimination at the time of the Fairhaven.

association's big drive for funds, said that in his opinion the name is "misnomer."

**President Leaves Matter to Hired Secretary, As Usual**

Mrs. G. Walter Williams, wife of the high school principal here, an president of the association, declare tonight that while she knew of no rule forbidding the girls the use of the pool, the matter had been left temporarily to Miss Ruth R. Hawkins general secretary of the Y. W. C. A. pending action by the board of directors.

"Miss Hawkins has a fund of information about the practise in other cities of the country, and we have every confidence in her. As far as I know, there is no rule. The matter has not come up. The question is among several that need careful attention before decision is made," Mrs. Williams said.

"The pool at present is limited to white girls, that is all I wish to say at the present time.

**Hired Secretary Wants Each and Every Group Consulted on Equal Rights for Colored**

Miss Hawkins told a reporter at her home in Fairhaven tonight, "No policy has been as yet formulated by the board of directors. The whole question is not a local one, other communities are facing the same problem, neither is it a matter for the board alone to consider. It concerns the from the whole association after having been considered by the groups within it," she said.

**Scout Council May Act**  
Pastor Lacey tonight, suggested that the members of the Y. W. C. A. have a referendum ballot on the question, declaring that he has every confidence that the membership is not behind the action of Miss Hawkins in prohibiting the use of the pool by the colored mermaids.

Mrs. Lewis, the head of the Girl Scouts, said that the Scout Council is considering the matter at the present time and that some action for a refused permission to have their Saturday morning swim with other Girl Scouts of the city.

**Y. M. C. A. Pool Open to Colored**  
Richard H. Dunwoodie, boys' secretary at the Young Men's Christian Association, said that brothers of the colored girls denied privileges at the himself Colored, pointedly asked Y. Y. W. C. A. may dive and swim all W. C. A. officials in an interview with them wish in the big pool of the Y. M. a Post reporter tonight if they con-C. A. Among members those who use sidered that cleanliness had been the privilege is George Michaels, star monopolized by one race.

of the high school football team. There this man being the pastor of a colored church here.

Saturday while the rest of the city's Girl Scouts were in the pool, Miss ted tonight that he conferred with Lacey was leading her troop of Girl prominent Y. W. C. A. officials about Scouts, 17 in number, on a hike to the discrimination at the time of the Fairhaven.

association's big drive for funds, said that in his opinion the name is "misnomer."

that "Un" be inserted before the word Saturday while the rest of the city's Christian. Pastor Lacey, who admitted Girl Scouts were in the pool, Miss ted tonight that he conferred with Lacey was leading her troop of Girl prominent Y. W. C. A. officials about Scouts, 17 in number, on a hike to the discrimination at the time of the Fairhaven.

association's big drive for funds, said that in his opinion the name is "misnomer."

**President Leaves Matter to Hired Secretary, As Usual**

**Miss Eva D. Bowles Given \$445 Purse As Testimonial After 20 Years 'Y' Service**

In recognition of her twenty years constructive service in Y. M. C. A. work, the friends of Miss Eva D. Bowles of the National Board, gave a testimonial reception in her honor Tuesday evening, June 15. A large number of local and out-of-town friends were present and telegrams and letters of appreciation and regret at not being able to attend were received from all parts of the country.

The reception was held at the West 137th street Branch "Y", which started as the colored branch in West 53rd street years ago. Miss Bowles was the second general secretary of this branch. How she broke into "Y" work was interestingly told by both Miss Bowles and Miss V. E. Scott, of the Committee of Management of the West 137th Street Branch, who was Miss Bowles co-worker in the early days. She stated that she had been granted a three months vacation and she expected to spend the great part of this time traveling in Europe. The generous gift of her friends at this time would enable her to have a more extended vacation than she had already planned, she said.

as the colored branch in West 53rd street years ago. Miss Bowles was the second general secretary of this branch. How she broke into "Y" work was interestingly told by both Miss Bowles and Miss V. E. Scott, of the Committee of Management of the West 137th Street Branch, who was Miss Bowles co-worker in the early days. She stated that she had been granted a three months vacation and she expected to spend the great part of this time traveling in Europe. The generous gift of her friends at this time would enable her to have a more extended vacation than she had already planned, she said.

At the beginning of the meeting Tuesday evening, Mrs. Eva T. Parks, chairman of the Social Committee of the 137th Street Branch, introduced Miss Margaret Courtney, secretary of the Jersey City Branch "Y", who served as mistress of ceremonies. Miss Courtney told of her personal friendship for Miss Bowles and of the enthusiastic responses from letters sent out by members of the committee telling of the proposed reception.

Channing H. Tobias, the senior international secretary of the National Y. M. C. A.'s work among colored men was the first speaker, and he told of his appreciation for the work Miss Bowles is doing in a parallel field to his own. His address was followed by a piano solo by Miss Lydia Mason.

John E. Nail, a member of the Board of Directors of the New York Urban League, spoke in behalf of that organization. He also paid a tribute to Miss Bowles as a personal friend.

Miss Dickerson of the Philadelphia Branch Y. M. C. A. and Miss Mabel Whiting of the Baltimore Branch, who came over especially to attend the reception, were next introduced. Miss Dickerson brought greetings from the Philadelphia Branch and said her organization was happy to join with the other branches throughout the country in honoring Miss Bowles.

Mme. V. E. Scott was then called on as the representative of the local Branch, and she was followed by Fred R. Moore, editor of The New York Age. Mr. Moore spoke on behalf of the citizenry. He said he considered Miss Bowles one of the most useful members of her race and one who could be an example to all young women.

Miss Roberta Bosley of the 135th street library, rendered a soprano solo, accompanied by Miss Lydia Mason. James H. Hubert, secretary of the New York Urban League, read extracts from telegrams and letters received by the committee and Miss Bowles from people who could not attend the reception.

He was followed by Mrs. Addie Hunton, president of the Empire State Federation of Colored Women's Clubs, who made the presentation of a purse containing \$445.50 to Miss Bowles as a gift from her friends. \$339.00 of this amount was contributed by local friends, and the balance, \$106.50, was from friends in the West.

Miss Bowles could hardly control her feelings as she began her response to the presentation speech. Her eyes filled with tears as she thanked those present. She stated that she had been granted a three months vacation and she expected to spend the great part of this time traveling in Europe. The generous gift of her friends at this time would enable her to have a more extended vacation than she had already planned, she said.

During the course of her remarks, Miss Bowles took occasion to pay a beautiful tribute to Mrs. Francis R. Kayser, whom she said was responsible for her going into Y. M. C. A. work, and also to Miss Charlotte M. Jarvis, who has been her secretary and associate for several years. Without Miss Jarvis, she could not have accomplished half as much as she has, the speaker concluded. She also told of the assistance given her by many other New York friends.

At the conclusion of her address, the guests were ushered into the "Y" lobby, where punch and other refreshments were served.

The committee in charge of the reception was headed by Miss Courtney, and included Mrs. Ruth Logan Roberts, James H. Hubert and Fred R. Moore.

**Talladega-Student Sails On Educational Tour Of Europe Under Y. W. C. A.**

Miss Addie Cruikshank, a senior student at Talladega College, was the only colored student in a group of several hundred that sailed for Europe on the White Star liner Homeric on Thursday.

The tour is in the nature of an educational pilgrimage, under auspices of the International and National Committees of the Y. W. C. A. Students were selected from the various schools and colleges throughout the country. They will visit England, France, Germany, Switzerland and Italy.

Miss Cruikshank was accompanied to New York by her uncle, Dr. H. S. Sullivan of Selma, Ala.

Students were chosen from colleges all over the country to take part in this educational tour. of the principal them England, France, Germany, Italy and Switzerland.

Miss Cruikshank, who is from Selma, Ala., arrived in New York in company of her uncle, Dr. H. S. Sullivan, also of Selma, Ala.

**CHRONICLE**

**COLORED Y. W. C. A. CONFERENCE**

The Colored Conference held at the Baptist Church, Moorestown, on Sunday afternoon was one of the most interesting programs ever put on by the colored members of the Y. W. C. A. Delegates from Burlington, Riverton and Mt. Holly were present for the meeting. The candle ceremony led by Mrs. Edward Smith, of Mt. Holly, was one of the most impressive parts of the program. The Junior Girl Reserves of ten years of age led the procession, followed by all of the girls and women of the older clubs.

## TALLADEGA SENIOR ON EUROPEAN TOUR

New York, July 9.—Talladega college has been signed to have one of its senior students, Addie Cruikshank, selected to represent it, together with several other students, who form the international and national committees of the Y. W. C. A. on an educational tour of Europe. Miss Cruikshank is the only member of the Eastern group. The party sailed last Thursday on the White Star liner Homeric.



Miss Cruikshank

They will visit all countries, among them England, France, Germany, Italy and Switzerland.

Miss Cruikshank, who is from Selma, Ala., arrived in New York in company of her uncle, Dr. H. S. Sullivan, also of Selma, Ala.

**CHRONICLE**

**COLORED Y. W. C. A. CONFERENCE**

The Colored Conference held at the Baptist Church, Moorestown, on Sunday afternoon was one of the most interesting programs ever put on by the colored members of the Y. W. C. A. Delegates from Burlington, Riverton and Mt. Holly were present for the meeting. The candle ceremony led by Mrs. Edward Smith, of Mt. Holly, was one of the most impressive parts of the program. The Junior Girl Reserves of ten years of age led the procession, followed by all of the girls and women of the older clubs.

**CHRONICLE**

**COLORED Y. W. C. A. CONFERENCE**

The Colored Conference held at the Baptist Church, Moorestown, on Sunday afternoon was one of the most interesting programs ever put on by the colored members of the Y. W. C. A. Delegates from Burlington, Riverton and Mt. Holly were present for the meeting. The candle ceremony led by Mrs. Edward Smith, of Mt. Holly, was one of the most impressive parts of the program. The Junior Girl Reserves of ten years of age led the procession, followed by all of the girls and women of the older clubs.

The candle ceremony led by Mrs. Edward Smith, of Mt. Holly, was one of the most impressive parts of the program. The Junior Girl Reserves of ten years of age led the procession, followed by all of the girls and women of the older clubs.





*Chicago Bee 2-8-26*

**Y. W. C. A. DELEGATES FETED.** Indiana Avenue Branch Y. W. C. A. entertained last Friday at Appomattox Club in honor of the returning delegates to the National Y. W. C. A. Convention held in Milwaukee last week. Among those who attended were: Miss Ruth Moore, Oakland, Cal.; Mrs. Estelle Davis, Cincinnati, O.; Mrs. L. K. Weeks, Portland, Ore.; Miss Eva Bowles, and Mrs. Wm. H. Wortham, New York City.

## Students of Atlanta University Honored at "Y" Convention

The Ninth Biennial National Convention of Y. W. C. A. Workers and the National Student Assembly met simultaneously in April at Milwaukee. Miss Grace Towns, of Atlanta University, was sent as representative of the Southern Student Council. At this meeting Miss Towns was elected first vice president of the National Student Assembly and was chosen to serve on a number of important committees. Miss Towns is the first colored woman to hold this office of vice president. Miss Towns is a junior in college and the daughter of Professor and Mrs. George A. Towns, the former head of the Department of Education of Atlanta University.

Atlanta University had the largest number of delegates of any school. The states included in the conference sending delegates were North Carolina, South Carolina, Florida, Virginia, Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi and Tennessee. There were one hundred delegates present.

Some of the outstanding speakers at this conference were Miss Grace Yang, of Shanghai; Mr. Paul Baker, of Fisk University; Mr. Matthews, of Java; Loy Long, Student Volunteer Secretary; Leslie Blanchard, the National Y. W. C. A. president, and Mrs. Jean Hur, of Brooklyn.

The executives were Misses Frances Williams and Frankie Adams. Miss Grace Towns was hostess. This was the first conference of so many student leaders.

S. Arlington Jones, another of A. U.'s young "Y" workers, was chosen by the local college Y. M. C. A. to go to the Kings Mountain conference for Y. M. Workers. At this conference he was chosen as fraternal delegate to attend the Y. W. C. A. conference which was held at Talladega College, June 4-14.

The delegates from Atlanta University to the Southern Regional Conference of the Y. W. C. A. were Misses Miriam Cunningham, Grace

Towns, Myra Logan, Elsie Allen, Yenonah Bond, Ethelyn Holmes, Florence Robinson, Emma Rush, Jennie Douglass, Jane Watts and Ruth Wildy, secretary to the treas-

**TIMES**  
TRENTON, N. J.

NOV 16 1926

## L. H. Wood to Speak At Y.W.C.A. Banquet

L. Hollingsworth Wood will be the speaker at the World Fellowship banquet to be given Friday evening at 6:30 o'clock at the Young Women's Christian Association.

Mr. Wood, who is president of the National Urban League, was born at Mount Kisco, Westchester County, New York, and is the son of James Wood of that place, who married Emily Hollingsworth Morris of Philadelphia. He was educated at home and at Halsey's Collegiate School in New York, where he prepared for Haverford College near Philadelphia. He spent the years 1890 and 1891 in Europe; traveling in Egypt and the Holy Land, Turkey and Greece and in Dresden, Germany. In the Fall of 1892 he entered Haverford College and was graduated from that institution in the Spring of 1896. After that he entered the law school of Columbia University in the Fall of 1896, and was admitted to the bar

in the Spring of 1899 when he was graduated from Columbia. While at the law school, Mr. Wood became interested in the New York Colored Mission, conducted boys' clubs, debating societies, etc.

Mr. Wood is a trustee of the Penn Normal Industrial and Agricultural School, located on St. Helena Island off the coast of South Carolina. As a trustee of this school, he met Dr. H. S. Frissell, who was at that time chairman of the board, and became interested in the problem of education for the Negro. Afterward, through the influence of Mrs. William H. Baldwin, Jr., Mr. Wood became interested in the National Urban League, in which organization he was chosen treasurer, then secretary, and afterward chairman to succeed Mrs. William H. Baldwin, Jr.

The establishment of Fisk University on a firm basis attracted Mr. Wood's interest and he joined the board of trustees of that university. Mr. Wood is a member of the board of managers of Haverford College, and of the Hartford Seminary Foundation of Hartford, Conn. He is a member of the Society of Friends, commonly known as Quakers and inherits his interest in the cause of the Negro from this source.

The World Fellowship banquet is being given under the direction of the Religious Education Committee of the Y. W. C. A., and in addition to the talk given by Mr. Wood, a talk on Negro Spirituals will be given by Miss Mabel F. Johnston, and Miss Anna Savko will read pictures written by Negro poets. Negro Spirituals will be sung by the combined ukulele classes.

## WASHINGTON, PA.

NOV 10 1926

## THE Y. W. C. A. OFFERS HELP TO MANY GIRLS

The most valuable raw material in any community is its youth and the way in which it is developed determines whether the finished product shall be an asset or a liability. Therefore any agency that develops young people into well rounded, useful maturity is valuable to the community.

Such an agency is the Young Woman's Christian Association. With its purpose to develop young women physically, socially, mentally and spiritually so fulfilling Christ's promise "that ye may have life and have it more abundantly," the association asks to lead them into the highest development in all phases of their lives.

The Girl Reserve department, composed of school girls between 12 and 18, takes them at the "clique" age and supplies the club activities they crave. Under wise direction they develop initiative, responsibility, and leadership, while service to God and humanity is stressed. Both grade

## To Speak At Y. W. C. A.



## L. Hollingsworth Wood

and high school clubs have programs fitted to the needs of each.

The Industrial department provides clubs and classes suited to the girl in industry which will develop the four-fold life and give the wholesome recreation she desires.

In every town there is a large group of business girls with fine possibilities of service and leadership if properly developed. The Young Woman's Christian Association gives the opportunity in its Business Girls department, where the girls plan their own clubs and classes in accordance with their needs.

In the Colored Work department the girls are given these various types of service in their own center under supervision of the association.

There is only one association in the county, but any of the large towns would find this work of great

value in holding and developing "the girls of today."



Y. W. C. A. - 1926

CINCINNATI, OHIO

*Star*  
NOV 18 1926

## Norwood Branch Shares in Y. W. C. A. Drive



It isn't generally known, says Mrs. Robert Barnard, chairman of the Newspaper Publicity Committee for the Y. W. C. A. campaign now in progress, that \$100,000 of the \$700,000 which the workers are trying to raise, will be spent for an addition to the Norwood branch Y. W. C. A. at 2265 Park avenue. Fifty thousand dollars of the \$700,000 will go toward enlarging the colored branch Y. W. C. A. at 702 West Ninth street. The remainder will be used to erect the proposed new Central Y. W. C. A. building at the southeast corner of Ninth and Walnut streets.

"Like the present Central Y. W. C. A., at 20 East Eighth street, the Norwood and West End branches are hopelessly overcrowded," explains Mrs. Barnard. The photograph above is a scene at the Norwood branch during a session of the sewing class. This building is so inadequate, Mrs. Barnard says, that the eighteen homeless girls who work in Norwood offices and factories and live there are compelled to sleep three and four to a room. The proposed addition will accommodate fifty girls.

**TIMES**  
TRENTON, N. J.

DEC 10 1926

## Y. W. Colored Branch Now Being Formed

The colored branch of the Y. W. C. A. is progressing very rapidly, and already a committee of very able women are working hard furnishing the headquarters at 327 North Montgomery Street. This branch of the Young Women's Christian Association is managed by a colored board, and the workers have been showing very fine results.

The committee in charge of furnishing the branch includes: Mrs. John Gordon, Mrs. J. C. Gibbs, Mrs. Fannie Stewart, Mrs. I. M. Cogill, Mrs. Swanson, Mrs. H. J. Austin, Mrs. Agnes L. Kemp, and Mrs. August E. Jensen.

in the Church," led by Rev. J. L. Kilpatrick of Greensboro, a forum discussion, "Making Life Count in the School," led by Prof. E. J. O'Neal of Waugh, and an address, "Making Boyhood Count in Life," by President Trenholm.

After attending the State Normal-Tuskegee football game at Cramton Bowl on Saturday afternoon, the delegates will hear an address at 6:45 by Secretary R. W. Bullock on "Boys of Other Lands," and then be the guests of the State Normal students at the football reception. On Sunday morning the delegates will attend the various city churches and will close the conference with a mass meeting in the afternoon, the address to be made by Rev. Harry E. Jones of the Hall Street Baptist church.

This conference, as the first effort of the state Y. M. C. A. organization to reach the colored boys in a state handicapped as a result of there not being any city secretaries serving colored boys, will touch particularly those boys from the various schools which do not operate student associations. The discussion opportunities for the boys will be supplemented by some consideration of the Y. M. C. A. problems here in Alabama.

## NEGRO SCHOOL BOYS TO HOLD MEETING

First Older Boys' Conference to  
Open Friday at State

Normal

The first older boys' conference for negro boys in Alabama will open on Friday afternoon at the local State Normal school under the auspices of the state executive committee of the Alabama Y. M. C. A. J. Ward Nelson, state secretary, and Ralph W. Bullock, secretary, colored department, national Y. M. C. A. council, will be in charge and will be assisted by an executive committee of Alabama school principals and ministers headed by President H. W. Jones of the local normal school.

The boys to be in attendance from the junior and senior high schools of Mobile, Montgomery, Birmingham and Selma and from the various county training schools of central and southern Alabama, will follow a program extending from Friday afternoon through Sunday afternoon.

The Friday afternoon session will be given over to a miscellaneous opening program. On Friday evening, welcome addresses will be given by Rev. J. B. Holmes and Profs. Randall and Drake with the response to be given by Prof. A. H. Parker of Birmingham. At the Friday evening session also, Secretary Nelson will talk on the subject, "Why are we here?" and Secretary Ralph Bullock will give a lecture: "Charting a Boy." On Saturday morning, the program will include a group leaders breakfast, a devotional period led by Prof. L. F. Morse of Mobile, a forum discussion, "Making Life Count

## Phillis Wheatley Ass'n Had Prosperous Season

Cleveland, O.—The Phillis Wheatley Association, Miss Jane Hunter, general secretary, signalized the beginning of its thirteenth year of service under Miss Hunter's direction by completing a fund of \$64,000 for the new building. Mrs. D. W. Frackenton, president of the board of trustees.

The Association, independent of all affiliations, is doing the work of a Y. W. C. A. organization, and is one of the most valued agencies in this community. The last annual report shows that 43,869 individuals were reached during the past year, and that there was a total attendance at clubs, classes and playgrounds of 58,106.

The year's income totalled \$53,022.79, and the year ended without a deficit. The building fund effort is being continued and Miss Hunter and the trustees plan starting construction as soon as the first year's pledges are paid.

## Y. W. C. A. CONFERENCE THIS MONTH

Mrs. Boyce, Y. W. C. A. president, met with the staff last Monday morning. At that time, plans for the Setting-Up Conference which will be October 1 to 3, inclusive, were held. The conference will open today, October 1, at 3:30 p.m. At 7:30 p.m., Miss Lillian Proctor of the Miner Normal School faculty will be the speaker, subject: "What the Y. W. C. A. means in the Life of Today."



Miss Louise Madella of the Board of Directors will lead the discussion. The public is invited. Saturday, October 8, the conference will close with a special vesper service at 4 p.m.

At the Vesper services last Sunday, the girls of the residence gave a sacred pageant, "The Challenge of the Cross," with Florence Richier, playing the role of "Evan-gel," and Lottie Bannister, Mary Rouz, Eliza Nixon, Laura Cum-mings, Latha Wright, and Ethel Dorsey as the "Disciples." Ber-nice Ward gave a vocal solo, ac-companied by Mildred Wilkins. Miss Louise Madella had charge of the program.

The graded school girls meet Wednesdays and Thursdays; the junior high school girls, Mondays and Fridays; senior high school girls, Tuesdays. All girls may register any afternoon after 3:30 o'clock. A class in basketry and sewing is held every Monday from 3:30 to 5 p.m.

Saturday is Girl Reserve Day. A program including talks and musical selections will be given at 3:30. All girls interested in learning to play golf are asked to meet at the "Y" to go to Potomac Park, Saturday, October 9, at 12 o'clock.

**CONSTITUTION**  
ATLANTA, GA.

## NOV 7 1926 Y.W.C.A. Activities For Entire Week Are Announced

The meeting of the Y. W. C. A. board takes place Monday morning at 10 o'clock at the Y. W. C. A. headquarters, 19 West Baker street, with Mrs. S. F. Boykin, first vice president, presiding.

Next week's activities at the Y. W. C. A. are many and varied, and fore-most among them is the bacon bat which the Junior High Girl Reserves will have Saturday, November 13, at the Woman's club junior lodge, near Avondale Estates. Further de-tails of the hike will be announced.

Miss Katharine Butler, student secretary for the National Student Council, is in Atlanta, and has been occupied with Y. W. C. A. student activities for the past week. Thursday afternoon she visited Agnes Scott to meet the Y. W. C. A. cabinet and discuss student issues. Another im-portant item on Miss Butler's list was the meeting with two members of the Southern Regional Student Coun-cil, Miss Eleanor Albright, who is on the community relations commit-tee for this region and who is a stu-dent at Agnes Scott, and Grace



Y. W. C. A. ATTEND BRYN MAWR. For the first time in the history of Bryn Mawr Summer School for Women workers, colored women were accepted as students. Two workers from the Indiana Avenue Branch Y. W. C. A. were taken as an experiment. The two young women selected: Misses Margetta Harris, (right) and Miss Margaret Graves (left).

Townes, of Atlanta university, who is chairman of the finance committee of this region.

Miss Butler also attended the Georgia state conference of colored schools, which was held at Spellman during the past week.

Plans for the opening of the Y. W. C. A. headquarters are under way, and details of the elaborate and inter-esting opening and the date will be announced shortly.

CINCINNATI, OHIO

*Times*

NOV 11 1926

GREAT WORK ACCOMPLISHED BY ORGANIZATION

## West End Branch Y.W.C.A. Rescue for Negro Girls

ARGUMENT FOR BUILDING FUND CAMPAIGN

"GIVE the negro girls of Cincinnati a place to meet other girls in their lessons in sewing, cooking, home-making or music—a place where they may also have the opportunities of recreation—and the city will have gone far toward answering the negro problem of overcrowded houses, un-healthy surroundings, and, in the end, crime that follows in the wake of such unnatural conditions," so declared Miss Anna Hope, executive secretary of the West End branch of the Y. W. C. A., in her plea for funds in the coming Y. W. C. A. campaign which will be inaugurated Friday night with a "kick-off" dinner at the Hotel Gibson.

"The negro girl will find such a place in the West End branch of the association when the facilities for recreation and housing are made more adequate," she said. "As it is, the West End branch raises the whole tone of those girls who can be reached by the present inadequate facilities of the building.

"During the influx from the South in the past few years many girls came to the city with training insufficient to take care of themselves. And at the same time the servant question was unable to be met by employers. The Y. W., in many cases, solved the difficulty for both.

### TAUGHT TO EARN LIVING

"The organization took the 'green' girl, kept her at the branch, taught her in the cafeteria, where she worked for her living, and sent her out to a job in pleasant and educational sur-roundings. In several cases, under the direction of the West End branch, wives of university professors have taken an untrained girl, given her a good home and trained her until she was well able to manage the house. One girl, who went into such a home, now goes to high school, does the man-aging and buying for the family, saved more than \$200 and put it in the bank."

"Such work can not be lost," de-clared Miss Hope. "That negro girl will be able to assist great groups of her people. It is usually too late to do much with the parents in the fam-

ily. The standards of their lives are set and too often, from over-crowding or lack of opportunity, on a low scale. But the girls, with the environment of the Y. W., will never again go back to the old standards of the family. Her own children and their children will have the advantage of the men-tal, physical and spiritual training of the girls' organization."

### PUT IN GOOD HOMES

Miss J. Estelle Barnett, residence secretary of the West End branch, in co-operation with the courts, has found homes for girls in the suburbs, when they have needed to get away from bad influences in the city, and these girls have worked and grown into good citizens.

More than 12,000 girls have taken advantage of classes at the Y. W. branch in dressmaking, millinery, and handcraft, where they have learn-ed to beautify their homes; citizenship, music and social work during this year, and contacts have been made with 36,139 negro girls who have needed advice or opportunities of the organization.

The urgent need of the West End branch, according to Miss Hope, is an assembly room where girls may gather for inspirational meetings, for recrea-tion and gymnasium work. Such im-provements are planned for the branch in the campaign for funds for a new building of the organization.

The most valuable hat in the world is said to belong to a famous French actress. When it was insured it was valued at \$90,000. It is made of gold lace with a brim decorated with dia-monds and emeralds.



Y. W. C. A. - 1926

## Y. W. C. A. SECRETARIES VISIT SOUTH SIDE



Thirty-five Young Women's Christian Association secretaries, representing practically every branch in Chicago, last week toured the South side as guests of the Indiana Ave. branch. Mrs. Lulu Lawson, executive secretary, tendered the entertainment to the white officials in order that they might see what members of our group are doing in industry. Beginning at The Chicago Defender plant, they saw how The World's Greatest Weekly is printed, they visited the Binga State bank, the Liberty Life Insurance company, the Your Cab company and the Overton Hygienic company. The Y workers were very much impressed with the splendid work being done by members of the R.

— Photo by Defender Staff Photographer.

### Mrs. E. Ross Haynes

Selected Delegate of National Y. W. C. A. Board

(Preston News Service)

New York, April 9.—Mrs. Elizabeth Ross Haynes has been selected by the National Y. W. C. A. Board as one of its 40 delegates, out of a membership of about 100, to the National Convention of the Y. W. C. A., which meets in Milwaukee, Wis., April 21-27. There will be about 3,000 delegates—some from abroad—in attendance at this convention.

Mrs. Haynes is the wife of Dr. George E. Haynes, who is the author of two books and has been a leader in social service and religious work for a number of years.

### Mrs. Haynes, Delegate of National Board Y. W. C. A.

Mrs. Elizabeth Ross Haynes has been selected by the National Board of the Y. W. C. A. as one of its 40 delegates, out of a membership of about 100, to the National Convention of the Y. W. C. A., which meets in Milwaukee, Wis., April 21-27. There will be about 3,000 delegates—some from abroad—in attendance at this convention.

Mrs. Haynes, who is the wife of Dr. George E. Haynes, is an author of two books and has been a leader in social service and religious work for a number of years.

### Delegate Of National Board Y. W. C. A.

New York, Mar. 29.—Mrs. Elizabeth Ross Haynes has been selected by the National Board of the Y. W. C. A. as one of its 40 delegates, out of a membership of about 100, to the National Convention of the Y. W. C. A., which meets in Milwaukee, Wis., April 21-27. There will be about 3,000 delegates—some from abroad—in attendance at this convention.

Mrs. Haynes is the wife of Dr. George E. Haynes, is an author of two books and has been a leader in social service and religious work for a number of years.

## GIRL WORKERS WIN ENTRANCE TO BRYN MAWR

Chicago Defender 4-24-26  
To Miss Margaret Graves, 25746 Wells St., lamp shade maker, and Miss Margaret Harris, 22, 3935 Indiana Ave., cushion worker, goes the distinction of being the first of their race to enroll at Bryn Mawr college, near Philadelphia. Miss Romania Ferguson, 4950 Vinennes Ave., was also selected but could not accept.



These girls were chosen from the Chicago district with 11 others to at-

Miss M. Graves tend the summer school for women workers at its sixth session, beginning June 11. Two others are expected to go from the New York district. The girls are members of the Four Leaf Clover club of the Indiana Ave. branch of the Y. W. C. A. under the direction of Miss Myra Colson, industrial secretary. This club is composed of women employed in the various industrial plants.

Miss Harris is a graduate of Wendell Phillips high school and has been employed by the Nachman Spring-filled Cushion company for four years. She is also secretary of the Olivet Baptist Sunday school.

Miss Graves attended the Lucy C. Flower school and has been working as a cutter in the lamp shade factory of Binder & Berman for the past two years. Both girls live at home with their parents.

This movement is an attempt toward correcting "the something" that has always been out of tune in the work-a-day world. It is an effort toward the promotion of harmonious conditions.



Miss M. Harris

### BROOKLYN STANDARD UNION MAY 27, 1926 COLORED Y. W. C. A. GIRL TO ATTEND BRYN MAWR

Three members of the Young Women's Christian Association of Brooklyn will attend the Bryn Mawr Summer School for Women Workers in Industry. They are Miss Mary Cocuzza and Miss Fannie Tretakoff, of Eastern District Branch, and Miss Elizabeth Satterwhite, of Ashland Place Branch, one of the first colored girls to attend the summer school.

One hundred girls and women in industry are selected throughout the entire country to attend the summer session. The selection of the Brooklyn members was made by a New York committee named for this purpose, of which Miss Hilda Smith is chairman, and endorsed by a joint Bryn Mawr committee, composed of the summer school faculty alumnae of the summer school and labor representatives. Miss Clara Kaiser, industrial secretary of the Brooklyn Y. M. C. A., is a member of the New York committee.



# FORMAL OPENING OF EMMA RANSOM HOUSE, Many Race Women Attend 'Y' HOTEL FOR WOMEN, A GALA OCCASION Big Y. W. C. A. Convention Being Held In Milwaukee

The Emma Ransom House, the new Y. W. C. A. hotel at 175 West 13th street, opened formally with public inspection of the entire building on Wednesday, April 7, from three to ten p. m. Afternoon tea was served from three to six, and about three hundred people inspected the building during that time. Mrs. Emma Ransom, Mrs. Howard Gillespie Myers, president of the Metropolitan Board; Miss Bertha Boody, executive secretary of the Metropolitan Board and the members of the House Committee; Mrs. E. P. Roberts, chairman; Mrs. Adah Thomas Smith; Mrs. William W. Wortham, chairman of the Branch; Mrs. M. V. Pontte and Mrs. Williams Rossiter.

Mrs. Eva Parks, chairman of the Social Committee of the Branch; Mrs. Lela Kellar, Mme. V. E. Scott and Mrs. P. E. Anderson served tea in the afternoon and punch in the evening. Mrs. Goldie Graves and Miss Mabel Bickford were in charge of wraps.

Other members of the Committee of Management of the Branch who served on the reception committee were Mrs. E. S. Michael, Mrs. Minnie C. Pickens, Mrs. Mable Colson, Miss Winona Parker, Miss Cornelia Pedero, Mrs. Ernest R. Alexander, Mrs. E. E. Rawlins, Mrs. Frank C. Caffey and Mrs. Channing H. Tolman.

Flowers for the opening were given by Mrs. Warren Ransom; Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Binga of Chicago; Mrs. Annie M. Malone of St. Louis; George Schaeffer, Mrs. E. P. Roberts, Dr. Agnes Griffin, Mrs. Goldie Graves and by Miss Mary Oliver and Mrs. Florence Blackwell, residents of the House. The Committee of Management presented to Mrs. Emma Ransom a huge bunch of roses. Mrs. Ransom, for whom the House is named, and who served as the chairman of this Branch for fourteen years came to the opening from Nashville, Tenn., where she is now living.

Telegrams and letters were received from Miss Jane Hunter of the Phyllis Wheatley in Cleveland; The Chicago, Ill.; Dayton, Ohio, and Montreal, Canada; Young Women's Christians; from Rufus Perry of Brooklyn and Arthur T. Long, principal of the New Lincoln School, Trenton, N. J.

The building is modern, convenient and beautifully furnished from roof to basement, and many of the old members and friends of the Branch viewed with gratitude and pride this home for girls, which is a monument to their effort and service.

The building cost \$227,000—\$18,000 for land; \$15,000 for equipment and

\$214,000 for building and painting. About a thousand people inspected the building on Wednesday.

Many distinguished visitors, men and women, colored and white, were present at some time during the afternoon and evening, and displayed great interest in the modern equipment and splendid arrangement of the new hotel for women. An interesting feature was the visit of delegations of representatives from Protestant, Catholic and Jewish boarding homes operated by the Y. W. C. A.

From the National Y. W. C. A. Board were Mrs. George Haynes, Mrs. Robert Spear, Mrs. Jas. S. Cushman. From the National Board staff were Mrs. Cordelia Wynn and Miss Charlotte M. Jarvis.

The Metropolitan Board was represented by Mrs. Howard Gillespie Myers, Mrs. William W. Rossiter, Mrs. Edward Perry Townsend, Mrs. John Clark.

Miss Bertha Boody, executive secretary, Miss Margaret Webster, assistant secretary, and Miss Florence E. Potter, rooms registry secretary, were from the City Board. The West Side Y. W. C. A. sent Misses Alice Wright and Curry. From the Ashland Place Branch, Brooklyn, were Miss Frances Gunner, executive secretary; Mrs. W. A. Hunton and Mrs. Mabel Chisholm. The Harlem Branch was represented by Misses Myra Vance and Walker.

Ministers present were the Rev. Dr. A. C. Garner of Grace Church; the Rev. Mr. Marshall L. Shepherd, assistant pastor, Abyssinian Baptist Church; the Rev. Mr. S. W. Smith of Yonkers and the Rev. Mr. Henderson.

The medical profession was represented by Drs. J. W. Saunders, E. P. Roberts, E. R. Alexander, A. L. McGhee (with Mrs. McGhee) and P. E. Anderson.

Professional and business representatives were Dr. and Mrs. William E. B. DuBois, Watt Terry, Fred R. Moore, W. H. Wortham, Edgar Parks Mr. and Mrs. Frank Stewart Armand and W. H. Willis.

A number of out of town folks were also noted among the guests.

BY ELLIABETH N. ELLIOTT  
Industrial Secretary Y. W. C. A., Cincinnati, Ohio  
The ninth National Convention of the Young Women's Christian Association, held in Milwaukee April 21-27, brought together from all parts of the world, all nationalities for one common aim—to spread Christianity throughout the entire world.

It was the policy of the National Board, that representatives from the Central Association and branches come as one delegation. In most instances, this policy was carried out.

The managers of the hotels have been hospitable in opening their doors and housing delegates, regardless of race or nationality.

In all discussional groups whether it were a national or local issue, our women and girls too, an active part. Colored women have had representation on various committees and commissions.

They were guests at all local affairs given in the spacious hotels

and club houses in honor of the delegates to the convention.

"We feel that the Kingdom of God is coming to pass and a real step in that direction is taken by the Y. W. C. A. in service for girls and women of the world," says a Chicago secretary.

In Dr. Charles W. Gilkey's series of addresses on "Some New Frontiers" this thought was emphasized. "Surely the Lord is in this place and I knew it not." Mrs. Frederick M. Paist, of Germantown, Pa., is president of the National Convention; Mrs. George Haynes, New York, race representative on the National Board; Miss Eva D. Bowles, New York, executive of Colored Work.

Appointed committees were: Mrs. Estella R. Davis, Cincinnati, resolution committee; Mrs. Cora Jones, Pittsburgh, nominating committee; Mrs. Carolyn Blanton, Louisville, credential committee; Mrs. Elizabeth N. Elliott, Cincinnati, nominating committee, industrial secretaries.

Among the 3,000 delegates were: New York City, Mrs. George Haynes, Miss Eva D. Bowles, Miss Crystal Byrd, Mrs. Cordella Winn, Miss Frances Williams, Miss Julia Dericotte, Mrs. Addie Hunton, Mrs. W. H. Wortham, Miss Hermoine Crawford; Brooklyn, Miss Frances Gunner, Miss Mabel Byrd; Jersey City, N. J., Mrs. Barbara Courtney Jetton; Mt. Clair, N. J., Mrs. Alice Foster; Philadelphia, Mrs. Battok; Washington, D. C., Mrs. Martha McAdoo, Miss Louise Madeller, Miss Mary Martin; Wheeling, W. Va., Mrs. Louie Love; Richmond, Va., Miss McFall; Pittsburgh, Pa., Mrs. Cora Jones, Mrs. W. C. Matthews; Columbus, O., Mrs. Cora J. White, Miss Mary Busch, Mrs. Ray Davis; Youngstown, O., Mrs. Elizabeth Euper, Mrs. Daniel Lynch, Mrs. Violet Harvey; Dayton, Miss Mabel Brady, Mrs. L. H. Cox, Mrs. Geo. Ellis; Cincinnati, Mrs. Estella R. Davis, Miss Anna Hope, Mrs. Elizabeth N. Elliott, Mrs. Minnie M. Waters; Springfield, Miss Anna Arnold; Louisville, Ky., Mrs. Mamie Brock, Mrs. Carolyn S. Blanton; Detroit, Mich., Mrs. Josephine M. Norcom, Mrs. M. Gamble, Mrs. N. Singleton, Mrs. E. Brown, Mrs. Eva Jackson; Chicago, Ill., Mrs. Albert George, Mrs. Lula Lawson, Miss Bella Taylor, Miss Myra Colson, Mrs. Ella B. Day, Miss Dorothy Baylor, Mi. Eunice Goodwin Mrs. Amber Davis, Miss Rumania Ferguson, Miss Helen Jacobs, Miss Viola Neely, Mrs. Samuel Askins, Mrs. Ella Askins; St. Louis, Mo., Mrs. Mattie Dover Young, Mrs. T. T. Breedlove; Ashville, N. C., Mrs. Adella Ruffin; Kansas City, Mo., Mrs. L. A. McCampbell, Mrs. Ila M. Becks; Indianapolis, Ind., Miss Mae Belcher, Mrs. Alice Brokenboro, Mrs. Nettie Ransom, Miss Bernice McMurry, Mrs. Artelia Yatemam; Kansas City, Kan., Mrs. Wilson; Atlanta, Ga., Mrs. Wm. Pattman; Denver, Col., Mrs. Sarah G. Russell, Mrs. Josephine D. Price; Oakland, Cal., Miss Ruth Moore; Los Angeles, Cal., Mrs. Terry; Charlotte, N. C., Miss Aurelia Williams, Mrs. E. R. Anderson.

Students—Miss Angie Turner, Institute, W. Va.; Miss Jocelyn Henderson, Wylie College, Texas; Miss Grace Towns, Atlanta University.

Either Mrs. Harry Cunningham of Toledo, Ohio, or Miss John Hanna of Dallas, Tex., will be the next convention president of the Young Women's Christian Association, it was announced when the nominating committee made its report to the 2,500 delegates assembled.

The presidency was again offered. Mrs. Frederick M. Paist, German-

town, Pa., who has served during the last two conventions, but she declined. The election will be held Tuesday.

## BUILDINGS SOON TO BE ERECTED ON CAMP SITE

The Margaret Murray Washington Camp, fostered by the Girls' Service League, is about to be a reality. Friends, white and colored, are rallying to the support of the organization and many of the business concerns have contributed material for the buildings while prominent colored contractors and builders are getting plans ready to start the construction of two huts on the 57-acre tract below Bessemer.

This movement for a girls' camp by the league has been thoroughly inspected by persons of both races who are qualified both from a point of training and experience to pass on the location and general plans of the organization and all have given enthusiastic endorsement to every phase of the effort. Just this week Dr. J. Ross Snyder, well known child specialist, and Mrs. Snyder, after investigating the work, gave the Girls' Service League a fine letter of endorsement.

Dr. and Mrs. Snyder's letter, which is addressed to the public, makes this statement:

"After investigating the personnel of the officers, its membership, its plans and its purposes, we feel that it is our duty to recommend that the community lend both moral and financial support to 'The Girl's Service League.' This organization was effected by Negro women who represent the best type of their race. The purpose of the organization is to teach proper nutrition and to furnish a recreation and fresh air camp to Negro women, Negro girls and the Negro children.

"By its own efforts 'The League' has secured a considerable amount of monies from the Negro population. The League, furthermore, has secured a grant of land (57 acres) from the Lew George settlement for its proposed fresh air camp. We feel that the work undertaken by the 'Girls' Service League' is not only commendable but that it will prove itself so far-reaching in results that the Negro and the white population, of the community, will come to regard it as essential.

(Signed) MRS. ETHEL M. SNYDER, Chairman Fresh Air Camp (White).

DR. J. ROSS SNYDER, Medical Advisory Board, Children's Hospital."